

Present law, regarding slot machine gaming at race tracks, requires that, as a condition of licensing for the conduct of slot machine gaming at race tracks, the owner of the race track shall contribute to the support of pari-mutuel wagering facilities and the horse breeding industry. Provides that the contribution be in the form of a fixed percentage of net slot machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at the race track.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Present law, regarding video draw poker gaming, provides for franchise fees to be paid by the device owner in an amount equal to a percentage of the net device revenue derived from the operation of each video draw poker device. Provides that the amount of the percentage is based on the type of licensed establishment. Provides that .5% of the avails shall be allocated to the La. State Racing Commission for purse supplements and support of certain horsemen's associations.

Proposed law makes technical changes.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 4:147(1) and 214.1 and R.S. 27:361(B)(4) and 435(D)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Adds provision that prohibits, to the extent possible, the conducting of any thoroughbred race meetings having the same or overlapping dates for such race meetings at thoroughbred race tracks within the state.
3. Adds provision that prohibits, to the extent possible, the conducting of any quarter horse race meetings having the same or overlapping dates for such race meetings at quarter horse race tracks within the state.
4. Reduces the number of thoroughbred racing days from not less than 84 to not less than 60, nor more than 70 at each race track.
5. Reduces the number of quarter horse racing days from not less than 46 to not less than 40, nor more than 46 at each race track.