

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 637 by Representative Bryant as proposed by the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

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To amend and reenact R.S. 4:715(A)(7) and 724(E), relative to charitable games; to provide relative to rental arrangements pertaining to the holding of games of chance; to provide relative to the duties of the office of charitable gaming; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:715(A)(7) and 724(E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§715. Personnel to hold games; commissions or salaries; equipment and supplies; expenses

A.

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~~(7) No lease providing for a rental arrangement for premises or equipment shall provide for payment in excess of the reasonable market rental rate for such premises or equipment and in no case shall any payment be based on a percentage of gross receipts or profits derived from a game of chance more than sixty-five percent of the licensee's net winnings shall be paid to the lessor where the machines are located. Any lease contract that exceeds sixty-five percent of the licensee's net winnings shall be deemed an absolute nullity. The office of charitable gaming may increase the allowable rent bi-annually based on the consumer price index, subject to the approval and oversight of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and Senate Committee on Judiciary B.~~

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§724. Use of electronic or video bingo games

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E. At least forty-five percent of the net win from the machine ~~must~~ shall be paid to the licensee owning or leasing it. No more than sixty-five percent of the licensee's net winnings shall be paid to the lessor where the machines are located. Any lease contract that exceeds sixty-five percent of the licensee's net winnings shall be deemed an absolute nullity. The office of charitable gaming may increase the allowable rent bi-annually based on the consumer price index, subject to the approval and oversight of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and Senate Committee on Judiciary B.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to charitable gaming.

Present law (R.S. 4:715) provides relative to personnel who conduct games of chances, commissions or salaries, equipment, supplies, and expenses.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that no lease providing for a rental arrangement for premises or equipment shall provide for payment in excess of the reasonable market rental rate for such premises or equipment and in no case shall any payment be based on a percentage of gross receipts or profits derived from a game of chance.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that no more than 65% of the licensee's net winnings shall be paid to the lessor where the machines are located. Further provides that any lease contract that exceeds 65% of the licensee's net winnings shall be deemed an absolute nullity.

Proposed law provides that the office of charitable gaming may increase the allowable rent bi-annually based on the consumer price index, subject to the approval and oversight of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and Senate Committee on Judiciary B.

Present law (R.S. 4:724) provides for the use of electronic or video bingo games.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law further provides that a least 45% of the net win from the machine must be paid to the licensee owning or leasing it.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that no more than 65% of the licensee's net winnings shall be paid to the lessor where the machines are located and that any lease contract that exceeds 65% of the licensee's net winnings shall be deemed an absolute nullity.

Proposed law further provides that the office of charitable gaming may increase the allowable rent bi-annually based on the consumer price index, subject to the approval and oversight of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and Senate Committee on Judiciary B.

(Amends R.S. 4:715(A)(7) and 724(E))