

Existing law provides that for the purposes of slot machine gaming an "eligible facility" means no more than one facility in St. Landry Parish, Bossier Parish, Orleans Parish, and Calcasieu Parish at which the Louisiana State Racing Commission has licensed the conduct or at which the commission has approved the future licensing of the conduct of not less than 80 days within a consecutive 20-week period each year of live horse race meetings.

New law retains the provisions of existing law and further provides that if the Louisiana State Racing Commission approves the conducting of less than 80 days within a 20-week period or a different consecutive or non-consecutive period, whenever an eligible facility is prevented from conducting live racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe, or such other occurrence over which the eligible facility has no control that facility is still within the definition of an "eligible facility".

New law further provides that this determination by the commission shall not adversely affect the status of the eligible facility to conduct slot machine gaming.

New law authorizes the commission to approve the conducting of less than 80 days within a 20-week period, whenever an eligible facility is prevented from live racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe, or such other occurrence over which the eligible facility has no control.

Existing law provides, as one of the conditions for maintaining a license to conduct slot machine gaming, that the owner of the licensed eligible facility shall contribute to the support of pari-mutuel wagering facilities and the horse breeding industry by paying 15% annually from the annual net slot machine proceeds as follows:

- (1) 70% to supplement purses for thoroughbred races at that facility.
- (2) 30% to supplement purses for quarter horse races at that facility.

New law retains existing law and provides that such proceeds may supplement the purses at any facility licensed by the commission to conduct additional or substitute races or race days as authorized by new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (December 6, 2005).

(Amends R.S. 27:353(4), 354, and 361(B)(4)(a)(i) and (ii); Adds R.S. 4:147.2)