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HOUSE BILL NO. 143

BY REPRESENTATIVE MORENO AND SENATOR ALARIO

GAMING: Provides for a dedication of funds realized from unclaimed gaming prize tickets

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:176(B) and 219(C) and R.S. 46:1816(C) and to enact R.S.
3 27:94, 252, and 394 and R.S. 46:1816(B)(8), relative to unclaimed prize money; to
4 establish a time period for collecting unclaimed jackpot tickets from electronic
5 gaming devices; to provide that unclaimed money from pari-mutuel tickets and
6 unclaimed jackpot tickets shall be used for certain expenses associated with health
7 care services of victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses; to exclude expenses
8 related to forensic medical examinations; to provide for the submission of funds to
9 the state treasurer; to provide that the state treasurer deposit the collected funds into
10 the Crime Victims Reparations Fund; to establish the use of such funds collected;
11 and to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 4:176(B) and 219(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
14 follows:

15 §176. Limitation of time for presenting pari-mutuel tickets and disposition of ~~unpaid~~
16 ~~money due on account of pari-mutuel tickets not presented~~ unclaimed monies

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18 B. The sum held by any licensee for payment of outstanding winning
19 pari-mutuel tickets and for refunding the price of pari-mutuel tickets shall be retained
20 by such licensee for such purpose until the expiration of ninety days after the close

1 of the race meeting conducted by the licensee. One hundred days after the close of
 2 any race meeting, any unclaimed monies ~~subjected to this Section shall be disposed~~
 3 ~~of as follows:~~ shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the Crime
 4 Victims Reparations Fund as provided for in R.S. 46:1816(B)(8). Such funds shall
 5 be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with health care services of
 6 victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses, not including forensic medical
 7 examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622. ~~A sum not to exceed two hundred fifty~~
 8 ~~thousand dollars for each race meeting shall be retained by the licensee and the~~
 9 ~~remaining amount, if any, shall be paid over to the Louisiana State Racing~~
 10 ~~Commission under oath, which shall then deposit said funds to the State General~~
 11 ~~Fund of the state treasury with a report submitted under oath.~~

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13 §219. Uncashed pari-mutuel tickets; limitation of time for presentation; disposition
 14 of unclaimed monies

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16 C. ~~After such time, any unclaimed monies shall be disposed of as follows:~~
 17 ~~The primary licensee shall retain such sum so that the sum plus that retained under~~
 18 ~~the provisions of R.S. 4:176(B) do not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars per~~
 19 ~~race meeting and the remaining unclaimed monies, if any, shall be remitted to the~~
 20 ~~State General Fund with a report. Such monies are due one hundred days after the~~
 21 ~~close of the race meeting of the host track~~ After such time, any unclaimed monies
 22 shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the Crime Victims Reparations
 23 Fund as provided for in R.S. 46:1816(B)(8). Such funds shall be used exclusively
 24 to pay the expenses associated with health care services of victims of sexually
 25 oriented criminal offenses, not including forensic medical examinations as defined
 26 in R.S. 15:622.

27 Section 2. R.S. 27:94, 252, and 394 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §94. Ninety-day time period to claim jackpot ticket; collection and use of funds

2 A. The holder of a ticket obtained from any electronic gaming device which
 3 is included in the definition of "game", "gaming device", and "gaming equipment",
 4 as defined in R.S. 27:44, evidencing the right to a jackpot payment shall be presented
 5 for payment within ninety days after the date printed on the ticket. The failure to
 6 present such a ticket within the prescribed time shall constitute a waiver of the right
 7 to a jackpot payment. Thereafter, the holder of such ticket shall have no right to
 8 enforce payment of the ticket.

9 B. The funds held by any licensee for payment of outstanding winning
 10 tickets and for the payment of electronic gaming device jackpots shall be retained by
 11 such licensee for such purpose until the expiration of ninety days after the date
 12 printed on the ticket.

13 C. After such time, any unclaimed monies obtained pursuant to the
 14 provisions of this Section shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the
 15 Crime Victims Reparations Fund as provided for in R.S. 46:1816(B)(8). Such funds
 16 shall be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with health care services of
 17 victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses, not including forensic medical
 18 examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622.

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20 §252. Ninety-day time period to claim jackpot ticket; collection and use of funds

21 A. The holder of a ticket obtained from any electronic gaming device which
 22 is included in the definition of "game" and "gaming device", as provided for in R.S.
 23 27:205, evidencing the right to a jackpot payment shall be presented for payment
 24 within ninety days after the date printed on the ticket. The failure to present such a
 25 ticket within the prescribed time shall constitute a waiver of the right to a jackpot
 26 payment. Thereafter, the holder of such ticket shall have no right to enforce payment
 27 of the ticket.

28 B. The funds held by the casino gaming operator for payment of outstanding
 29 winning tickets and for the payment of electronic gaming device jackpots shall be

1 retained by such licensee for such purpose until the expiration of ninety days after
2 the date printed on the ticket.

3 C. After such time, any unclaimed monies obtained pursuant to the
4 provisions of this Section shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the
5 Crime Victims Reparations Fund as provided for in R.S. 46:1816(B)(8). Such funds
6 shall be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with health care services of
7 victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses, not including forensic medical
8 examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622.

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10 §394. Ninety-day time period to claim jackpot ticket; collection and use of funds

11 A. The holder of a ticket obtained from any electronic gaming device which
12 is included in the definition of "slot machine", as defined in R.S. 27:353, evidencing
13 the right to a jackpot payment shall be presented for payment within ninety days after
14 the date printed on the ticket. The failure to present such a ticket within the
15 prescribed time shall constitute a waiver of the right to a jackpot payment.
16 Thereafter, the holder of such ticket shall have no right to enforce payment of the
17 ticket.

18 B. The funds held by any licensee for payment of outstanding winning
19 tickets and for the payment of electronic gaming device jackpots shall be retained by
20 such licensee for such purpose until the expiration of ninety days after the date
21 printed on the ticket.

22 C. After such time, any unclaimed monies obtained pursuant to the
23 provisions of this Section shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the
24 Crime Victims Reparations Fund as provided for in R.S. 46:1816(B)(8). Such funds
25 shall be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with health care services of
26 victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses, not including forensic medical
27 examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622.

28 Section 3. R.S. 46:1816(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:1816(B)(8)
29 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §1816. Crime Victims Reparations Fund; creation; sources and use of funds; ~~uses~~

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3 B. The fund shall be composed of:

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5 (8) Monies deposited by the state treasurer from the collection of unclaimed
6 prize money as provided for in R.S. 4:176 and 219 and R.S. 27:94, 252, and 394,
7 which shall be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with health care
8 services of victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses, not including forensic
9 medical examinations as defined in R.S. 15:622.

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11 C.(1) ~~At~~ Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, all monies
12 deposited in the fund shall be used solely to pay reparation awards to victims
13 pursuant to this Chapter and disbursements therefrom shall be made by the state
14 treasurer upon written order of the board, signed by the chairman, or a court.

15 (2) Monies received from the collection of unclaimed prize money as
16 provided for in R.S. 4:176 and 219 and R.S. 27:94, 252, and 294 shall be used
17 exclusively to pay the expenses associated with health care services of victims of
18 sexually oriented criminal offenses, not including forensic medical examinations as
19 defined in R.S. 15:622.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that unclaimed prize tickets from pari-mutuel wagering and electronic gaming jackpots shall be collected and used exclusively for health care services of victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses.

Present law provides for the regulation of gaming at the land-based casino, riverboats, and slot machine gaming at horse tracks.

Present law provides for a 90-day time period for presentation of winning pari-mutuel wagering (horse racing) tickets.

Proposed law establishes a 90-day time period to present a winning jackpot ticket from an electronic gaming device for payment of the jackpot. Further provides that the failure to present such a ticket within the prescribed time constitutes a waiver of the right to a jackpot payment. Thereafter, the holder of such ticket has no right to enforce payment of the ticket.

Proposed law provides that the funds held by any licensee or the casino gaming operator for payment of outstanding winning tickets and for the payment of electronic gaming device jackpots shall be retained by such licensee for such purpose until the expiration of 90 days after the date printed on the ticket. Funds so collected shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the Crime Victims Reparations Fund.

Proposed law provides that monies collected from all these sources shall be used exclusively for payment of costs associated with health care services of victims of sexually oriented criminal offenses, excluding forensic medical examinations.

(Amends R.S. 4:176(B) and 219(C) and R.S. 46:1816(C); Adds R.S. 27:94, 252, and 394 and R.S. 46:1816(B)(8))