

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 295

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAD BROWN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

GAMBLING/VIDEO POKER: Provides relative to the forms of payment a video draw poker device accepts

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:402(17), 405(D), and 407(A), relative to video draw poker  
3 devices; to provide relative to the forms of payment video draw poker devices may  
4 accept; to authorize the use of ticket vouchers; to raise the denomination of cash  
5 accepted in video draw poker devices; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 27:402(17), 405(D), and 407(A) are hereby amended and reenacted  
8 to read as follows:

9 §402. Definitions

10 As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the  
11 following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 (17) "Video draw poker device" means any unit, mechanism, or device  
14 authorized pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, that, upon insertion of a ticket  
15 voucher or cash, is available to play or simulate the play of the game of draw poker,

1 or other card games approved by the division utilizing a video display and  
2 microprocessors in which the player may win games or credits that can be redeemed  
3 for cash only. The term does not include a device that directly dispenses coins, cash,  
4 tokens, or any thing else of value, except the ticket voucher required in accordance  
5 with the provisions of this Chapter. The term does not include any device authorized  
6 to be used in the conducting of charitable gaming. The term does not include video  
7 line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof, or any slot  
8 machine as defined in R.S. 27:353(14).

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10 §405. Description and specifications of devices

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12 D. A video draw poker device may have a mechanism that accepts ticket  
13 vouchers of any amount and cash in the form of bills with a denomination not to  
14 exceed ~~twenty~~ one hundred dollars.

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16 §407. Games without minimum wager; Orleans excepted

17 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, video draw poker  
18 devices in any facility licensed pursuant to this Chapter, in any parish other than  
19 Orleans, may schedule games with no minimum wager. A video draw poker device  
20 may accept ticket vouchers or coins in the amount of the minimum wager offered by  
21 that device. Video draw poker devices may accept ticket vouchers or coins or  
22 currency of denominations of multiples of the minimum wager but shall provide one  
23 game for each amount of the minimum wager deposited in that video draw poker  
24 device. The provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to affect the  
25 limitations on the amount of money played and the limitation on the value of prizes  
26 established in R.S. 27:410.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that a ticket voucher of any amount can be inserted into a video draw poker device and raises the denomination of cash a video draw poker device accepts from \$20 to \$100.

Present law defines a "video draw poker device" as any unit, mechanism, or device authorized pursuant to the Video Draw Poker Devices Control Law that upon insertion of cash is available to play or simulate the play of the game of draw poker, or other card games approved by the division utilizing a video display and microprocessors in which the player may win games or credits that can be redeemed for cash only.

Proposed law amends the present law definition of "video draw poker device" to include those devices which can accept a ticket voucher.

Present law provides that a video draw poker device may have a mechanism that accepts cash in the form of bills with a denomination not to exceed \$20.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that a video draw poker device can accept ticket vouchers in addition to cash and raises the denomination of cash the device accepts from \$20 to \$100.

Present law provides that a video draw poker device may accept coins in the amount of the minimum wager offered by that device. Present law further provides that video draw poker devices may accept coins or currency of denominations of multiples of the minimum wager.

Proposed law provides that video draw poker devices can also accept ticket vouchers.

(Amends R.S. 27:402(17), 405(D), and 407(A))