

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAD BROWN

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

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

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

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(17) "Video draw poker device" means any unit, mechanism, or device authorized pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, that, upon insertion of a ticket voucher or 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. The term does not include a device that directly dispenses coins, cash, tokens, or any thing else of value, except the ticket voucher required in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. The term does not include any device authorized to be used in the conducting of charitable gaming. The term does not include video line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof, or any slot machine as defined in R.S. 27:353(14).

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§405. Description and specifications of devices

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

§407. Games without minimum wager; Orleans excepted

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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