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HOUSE BILL NO. 323

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:732(A) through (E)(introductory paragraph) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F) and to enact R.S. 4:707(J), 732(H) and (I), and 739(A)(2)(f), relative to charitable gaming; to authorize the conducting of progressive mega jackpot bingo; to provide with respect to jackpots for progressive bingo and progressive mega jackpot bingo games; to provide for exceptions to amount of prizes awarded during a bingo session; to provide for applicability; to provide relative to the net profit charitable organizations and distributors receive from progressive bingo and progressive mega jackpot bingo games; to provide with respect to Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; to allow those devices to provide for networking of charitable gaming organizations; to provide relative to the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo; to provide for player tracking; to provide relative to regulatory authority; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:732(A) through (E)(introductory paragraph) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:707(J), 732(H) and (I), and 739(A)(2)(f) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§707. Authorization to license certain organizations; exemption; requirement for state license

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1 J. The governing authority of a municipality or parish may, by ordinance,
 2 transfer regulatory authority over charitable gaming in that municipality or parish to
 3 the office of charitable gaming.

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5 §732. Progressive bingo

6 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing
 7 authority of any parish or municipality may permit any charitable licensed
 8 organization to conduct progressive bingo or progressive mega jackpot bingo games.
 9 For the purpose of conducting a progressive bingo or progressive mega jackpot bingo
 10 game, such organizations shall:

11 (1) Establish electronic links or networks, ~~electronic or otherwise~~, on an
 12 Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device and related system or otherwise, between
 13 locations, commercial or noncommercial, where licensed charitable bingo games are
 14 being conducted.

15 (2) ~~Deposit~~ For a progressive bingo game, deposit a predetermined amount
 16 of money not to exceed two hundred dollars per organization into a special account
 17 before each licensed call bingo gaming session. Every two-hundred-dollar
 18 contribution shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during
 19 that session.

20 (3) For progressive mega jackpot bingo, contributions deposited before each
 21 gaming session shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during
 22 that session.

23 B.(1) The mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game played pursuant to and
 24 in accordance with the provisions of this Section may exceed the limit established
 25 in R.S. 4:714₂, but shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, if the game is
 26 played on bingo paper, bingo cards, or by using an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber
 27 Device.

1 (2) The mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game played
 2 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Section and networked or
 3 linked together pursuant to Subsection G of this Section may exceed the limit
 4 established in R.S. 4:714, but shall not exceed ten thousand dollars. Portions of
 5 players' contributions to progressive mega jackpot bingo games may be used for
 6 consolation prizes and to contribute to the progressive mega prize pool and shall not
 7 be considered part of the limit established in R.S. 4:714(B).

8 C. ~~Such game~~ If required, such games shall be offered in accordance with
 9 rules and regulations adopted by the governing authority of each municipality or the
 10 parish which issued a license to any respective organization which participates in a
 11 progressive mega jackpot bingo game, and in accordance with the rules and
 12 regulations adopted by the office in Subsection D of this Section.

13 D. The office shall adopt rules and regulations governing progressive bingo
 14 and progressive mega jackpot bingo games to ~~insure~~ ensure compliance with the
 15 provisions of this Chapter and any additional regulations of the state relative to
 16 charitable gaming laws.

17 E. Any licensed charitable organization or organizations playing at the same
 18 location may conduct progressive ~~blackout~~ bingo games in accordance with rules
 19 established and in effect on August 15, 1995, and as follows:

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21 G. Organizations may network or link together, including through the use of
 22 an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device to conduct progressive mega jackpot bingo
 23 games, as provided in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, provided the local governing
 24 authority of each parish has authorized the conducting of such games in the parish.

25 H. Eighty percent of the net win from the progressive bingo and progressive
 26 mega jackpot bingo games shall be paid to the charitable organization as defined in
 27 R.S. 4:703(1). Twenty percent of the net win from the progressive bingo and
 28 progressive mega jackpot bingo games shall be paid to the distributor as defined in
 29 R.S. 4:703(3).

1 I. Sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card
 2 Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed six games per hour and shall
 3 not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any
 4 organization. The office may suspend the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo
 5 for any organization that violates the provisions of this Subsection until the
 6 organization becomes compliant.

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8 §739. Use of electronic bingo card dabber devices

9 A.(1) Electronic bingo card dabber devices, hereafter referred to as
 10 electronic dabber devices, and defined in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, for the
 11 public playing of bingo, progressive bingo, or progressive mega jackpot bingo may
 12 be made available at any location licensed under the provisions of this Chapter
 13 provided that all requirements of this Section and all requirements of this Chapter not
 14 in conflict with this Section are met. Electronic bingo dabber devices shall not be
 15 construed to be electronic video bingo machines or electronic pull-tab devices.
 16 Electronic bingo dabber devices shall not offer for play the games authorized by the
 17 provisions of R.S. 4:724 or R.S. 4:733.

18 (2) "Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device", or "Electronic Dabber Device",
 19 or "EBCDD" means an electronic device used by a bingo player to monitor bingo
 20 cards purchased and electronically mark bingo cards downloaded into the device, at
 21 the time and place of the licensed charitable bingo session, and which:

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23 (e) Will not accept coins, currency, or tokens to activate play. Nothing in
 24 this Paragraph shall prohibit the Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device and related
 25 systems from tracking a player's accounts and credits.

26 (f) Provide a means for all accounting functions related to bingo or
 27 progressive or progressive mega bingo games.

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29 F. The office shall adopt any additional rules and regulations necessary to
 30 govern the specifications, use, and operation of electronic dabber devices and their

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are additions.

1 related systems, and shall establish a list of manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers
2 authorized to provide electronic dabber devices or a list of acceptable models of the
3 devices, acceptable serial numbers on such models, or manufacturers, distributors,
4 or suppliers.

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