
DIGEST

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Abstract: Amends the definitions of "video draw poker device" and "video draw poker", and provides that the card games offered on a video draw poker device may utilize multiple decks of cards.

Present law provides for the Video Draw Poker Devices Control Law which provides for the licensing and regulation of video draw poker devices. For these purposes, present law does all of the following:

- (1) Defines "video draw poker device" as any authorized unit, mechanism, or device 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. Further provides that the term does not include the following:
 - (a) 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 present law.
 - (b) Any device authorized to be used in the conducting of charitable gaming.
 - (c) Video line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof, or any slot machine as defined by present law (R.S. 27:353).

In this regard, proposed law amends present law to remove the provision that excludes video line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof from the definition of "video draw poker device".

- (2) Defines "video draw poker" as any card game approved by the division that utilizes one deck of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.

In this regard, proposed law removes from the definition of "video draw poker" the present law requirement that the card game utilize one deck of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.

- (3) Provides that each video draw poker device shall offer the game of draw poker or such other card games as are approved by the division and have certain methods of operation including a limitation that only one deck of cards be used.

In this regard, proposed law amends present law to provide that the card games offered on video draw poker devices may utilize multiple decks.

(Amends R.S. 27:402(17) and (18) and 405(C)(2), (3), and (4))