

SENATE BILL NO. 559

BY SENATORS MORRISH AND JOHNS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:707(D) and (F)(3) and to enact R.S. 4:707(E)(6), relative to
3 charitable raffles, bingo, and keno; to provide for licensure; to provide for a license
4 to conduct raffles; to authorize public institutions of higher education to conduct
5 raffles under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 4:707(D) and (F)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 4:707(E)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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12 D.(1) In addition to the authority granted in Subsection A of this Section, the
13 office may license the following organizations, as defined herein, to hold and operate
14 the specific kind of game or games of chance enumerated in Subsection A of this
15 Section without the requirement that any such organization qualify with the Internal
16 Revenue Service for an exemption from federal income tax as specified by R.S.
17 4:703(1): Mardi Gras carnival organizations, civic or service associations, qualified
18 associations of licensed charitable organizations, volunteer fire companies, booster
19 clubs, ~~and parent-teacher associations,~~ **and public institutions of higher education.**

20 (2) In addition to the authority granted in Subsection B of this Section, the
21 governing authority of any parish or municipality may license the following
22 organizations, as defined herein, to hold and operate the specific kind of game or

1 games of chance enumerated in Subsection B of this Section without the requirement
 2 that any such organization qualify with the Internal Revenue Service for an
 3 exemption from federal income tax as specified by R.S. 4:703(1): Mardi Gras
 4 carnival organizations, civic or service associations, qualified associations of
 5 licensed charitable organizations, volunteer fire companies, booster clubs, and
 6 parent-teacher associations, **and public institutions of higher education.**

7 E. In addition to the provisions of R.S. 4:703, the following definitions shall
 8 apply for the purposes of this Section:

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10 **(6) A "public institution of higher education" includes every in-state**
 11 **public graduate and undergraduate institution, public junior and community**
 12 **college, public technical institute, and each separate school or department of the**
 13 **institution, college, or institute when the entire net proceeds are devoted to**
 14 **support the institution.**

15 F. * * *

16 (3)(a) A charitable organization, upon application to the municipality or
 17 parish, shall be exempt from the licensing and reporting requirements provided in
 18 R.S. 4:708 through 716 of this Chapter for the purpose of conducting a raffle as
 19 defined in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section in any municipality or parish the
 20 governing authority of which has decided to permit raffles, bingo, and keno within
 21 its limits as provided in R.S. 4:706, provided the municipality or parish finds, upon
 22 such application, that the charitable organization is conducting such raffle for the
 23 purpose of providing support to any elementary or secondary school in the
 24 municipality or parish or for other purposes of community support.

25 **(b) A public institution of higher education licensed pursuant to this**
 26 **Section shall be exempt from the licensing and reporting requirements provided**
 27 **in R.S. 4:708 through 716 of this Chapter in any municipality or parish the**
 28 **governing authority of which has decided to permit raffles, bingo, and keno**
 29 **within its limits and may sell shares, tickets, or rights to participate in the**
 30 **authorized game known as raffle and may conduct the game of raffle when the**

