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Prior law provided for the authority of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the board) to regulate all gaming activities and operations in the state.

New law provides that the board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the provisions of new law and otherwise retains prior law.

Prior law defined "designated gaming area" as that portion of a riverboat in which gaming activities may be conducted. Further provides that the designated gaming area may not exceed 60% of the total square footage of the passenger access area of the vessel or 30,000 square feet, whichever is lesser.

New law provides that the designated gaming area may not exceed 2,365 gaming positions and otherwise retains prior law.

New law defines "gaming position" as a seat at a gaming device or a space at a table game with each device seat counted as one position and each space at a table game counted as one position, subject to the rules and regulations of the board. Specifically requires the board to provide by rule for the counting of gaming positions for devices and games where seats are not readily countable.

Prior law provided that a riverboat must be paddlewheel driven.

New law deletes prior law requirement and provides that a riverboat does not have to have an operable paddlewheel or be paddlewheel-driven.

New law adds a facility that is approved by the board and has a portion of its designated gaming area located within 1,200 feet of a riverboat's licensed berth to the definition of "riverboat". Further provides for the inspection of such facilities.

New law requires quarterly reporting of professional services and employment information to the board, the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice. Specifies what information is to be contained in the report.

New law provides that licensees may not conduct more than four tournaments per year in which the gaming positions utilized for tournament play are not considered part of the licensee's total number of gaming positions. Further provides that such tournaments cannot be more than 14 days in length.

New law provides that a licensee may submit an application to the board to move its gaming operations to a facility located within 1,200 feet of the riverboat's licensed berth.

New law provides that such an application must include the licensee's relocation plan, detailed capital improvement and reinvestment plan, and any other information required by the board.

New law provides that the board shall prescribe the form and manner of submission for economic development relocation applications.

New law provides that the gaming operations of a licensee be conducted in accordance with the terms of the license, the requirements of this Title, and rules and regulations adopted by the board.

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 23, 2018).

(Amends R.S. 27:15(B)(8)(b), 44(4) and (14)-(25), 65(B)(15), and 66(B)(1); adds R.S. 27:44(26), 46, 65(B)(16), and 67)