

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 300

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GAMING. Provides relative to the Charitable Raffles, Bingo, and Keno Licensing Law.
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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:714, 719(B) and 740(A), relative to charitable gaming; to
3 provide relative to restrictions, requirements, transfers, and prohibitions; to provide
4 relative to gaming time limits; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 4:714, 719(B) and 740(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §714. Restrictions; requirements; transfers; prohibitions

9 A. ~~No licensee shall hold, operate, or conduct any game of chance under this~~
10 ~~Chapter more often than on twenty days in any one calendar month.~~

11 B. The total amount of prizes which may be awarded in any one session by
12 a licensee shall not exceed four thousand five hundred dollars in cash or other thing
13 or things of value, except as specifically provided in R.S. 4:707(A)(1) and (5), 710,
14 724, 725, 725.1, and 732. The office shall establish by rule the method of calculating
15 the value of any thing offered as a prize.

16 ~~C.~~B. In addition to the requirement of R.S. 4:712 to display its local license,
17 each licensee shall conspicuously display its charitable gaming license issued by the

1 office at the premises where any game is conducted at all times during such conduct.

2 ~~D.C.~~ Each licensee shall designate an active member and a sufficient number
3 of alternate members of the organization to be in charge of and primarily responsible
4 for each session of a game of chance. Such individual, or alternates, who shall be
5 designated as the member-in-charge, shall supervise all activities of such session and
6 be responsible for the conduct of all games of such session. The member-in-charge
7 or alternate shall be present at all times on the premises during the session. In
8 addition, each licensee shall designate an active member of the organization to be
9 responsible for the documentation of receipts and disbursements as well as the
10 maintenance of all financial records. Such individual designated shall have been a
11 member in good standing of the organization and shall be familiar with the
12 provisions of this Chapter, applicable local ordinances and regulations, and the rules
13 and regulations of the office.

14 ~~E.D.~~ No licensee shall purchase or otherwise obtain any gaming supplies or
15 equipment from any distributor or manufacturer until it has first determined that the
16 individual selling or otherwise offering such supplies or equipment has a valid
17 license issued by the office.

18 ~~F.E.~~ No licensee shall allow any person under eighteen years of age to assist
19 in the holding, operation, or conduct of any game of chance. Charitable raffles as
20 provided for in R.S. 4:707(D)(2) shall be exempted from requirements of this
21 Subsection.

22 ~~G.F.~~(1) All proceeds from each gaming session, other than that amount paid
23 out as cash prizes and that amount retained as a cash bank, shall be deposited into a
24 bank account, known as a charitable gaming account, maintained by the charitable
25 organization solely for such deposits. Such deposits shall occur no later than the
26 second banking day following the date the gaming session begins, but in no case
27 more than five calendar days later.

28 (2) Any charitable organization may transfer gaming proceeds from its
29 charitable gaming account to any other bank account controlled by the organization,

under present law more often than on 20 days in any one calendar month.

Proposed law removes this provision.

Present law provides that no lease of any premises by a commercial lessor to any charitable organization for any charitable gaming session will provide for payment in excess of the reasonable market rental rate for such premises as provided in the local licensing ordinance. No lease will provide for rental for less than a two-hour session.

Proposed law retains present law but adds the lease option of a percentage of the net revenue of video bingo machines not to exceed 65%.

Present law provides that a "session" represents authorized games of chance played within a time limit not to exceed six consecutive hours, with a minimum of 12 hours between sessions. A session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special license is limited to six consecutive hours. Sessions are limited to not more than one session per calendar day per licensee.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the time limit from six to eight consecutive hours.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 4:714, 719(B) and 740(A))