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2020 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 300

BY SENATOR JACKSON

GAMING. Provides relative to the Charitable Raffles, Bingo, and Keno Licensing Law. (gov sig)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1	subject to the administrative rules promulgated by the office pursuant to R.S.
2	4:705(10)(b).
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4	§719. Commercial lessor license
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6	B. No lease of any premises by a commercial lessor to any charitable
7	organization for any charitable gaming session shall provide for payment in excess
8	of the reasonable market rental rate for such premises as provided in the local
9	licensing ordinance or a percentage of the net revenue of video bingo machines
10	not to exceed sixty-five percent. No lease shall provide for rental for less than a
11	two-hour session.
12	* * *
13	§740. Session defined
14	A. A session represents authorized games of chance played within a time
15	limit not to exceed six eight consecutive hours, with a minimum of twelve hours
16	between sessions. A session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special
17	license is limited to six consecutive hours. Sessions are limited to not more than one
18	session per calendar day per licensee. Organizations are not allowed to begin their
19	session until the stated time on their license issued by the office.
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21	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
22	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
23	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
24	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
25	effective on the day following such approval.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

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Jackson

Present law provides that no licensee will hold, operate, or conduct any game of chance

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

Proposed law removes this provision.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

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

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but changes the time limit <u>from</u> six <u>to</u> 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))