

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 670

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

GAMBLING/VIDEO POKER: Provides relative to the criteria and amenity requirements for qualified truck stops

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:417(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(2) and to enact
3 R.S. 27:417(B)(3), relative to video draw poker devices; to provide relative to
4 criteria and amenity requirements for qualified truck stop facilities; to provide
5 relative to the suspension of operations of the criteria and amenity requirements; to
6 provide relative to the operation of video draw poker devices; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 27:417(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(2) is hereby amended
10 and reenacted and R.S. 27:417(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §417. Qualified truck stop criteria; amenities

12 A. As used in this Chapter, a qualified truck stop facility shall mean a facility
13 covering at least five developed contiguous acres which sells fuel, lubricating oil,
14 and other vehicular merchandise, such as batteries, tires, or vehicle parts for
15 eighteen-wheel tractor-trailers, and which also meets all of the following criteria:

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17 (2) It must have an onsite restaurant, except for reason of force majeure
18 affecting the ability to maintain the ~~on-site~~ onsite restaurant for a reasonable period
19 of time as determined by the division following the interruption of such ability,

Present law provides that the criteria and amenity requirements for a qualified truck stop facility provided for by present law shall be suspended if any portion of the property upon which the qualified truck facility is located is expropriated by the state or one of its political subdivisions. Further requires that the suspension remains in effect until it is possible for the licensee to meet the requirements of present law.

Present law allows the licensee to continue to operate video draw poker devices during the period of suspension without meeting the requirements for that particular criteria or amenity affected by the expropriation.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that in the event of a renovation to any of the criteria or amenity requirements or buildings housing either of these, the licensee may suspend operations of such criteria or amenity for 30 days in order to complete the renovation. The licensee must notify the division prior to the beginning of the renovation that would cause the suspension of any criteria or amenity. After the initial 30-day suspension of the criteria or amenity, if the renovation is not completed due to unforeseen circumstances, the licensee may apply to the division, and for good cause shown, the division may grant an additional 30 days for completion. During such suspension of the criteria or amenity, the licensee may continue to operate video draw poker devices.

(Amends R.S. 27:417(A)(2)(intro. para.) and (B)(2); Adds R.S. 27:417(B)(3))