

1 WHEREAS, since March 17, 2020, and until video poker establishments are allowed
2 to open again to customers and devices can again be operated, there will be no revenue
3 generated by the operation of a video draw poker device; and

4 WHEREAS, operation fees will be due on April 10, 2020, for the second quarter of
5 2020, at a time when video draw poker devices will not be allowed to operate, and
6 depending on the success of measures taken to address the pandemic, the restriction on
7 operation of video draw poker devices may be further extended; and

8 WHEREAS, to help businesses that complied with the executive proclamation
9 financially survive the pandemic for the time period when customers were prohibited from
10 patronizing their licensed establishment and to prevent business owners from paying a fee
11 for the operation of a device that is mandated not allowed to operate, it is necessary to
12 temporarily suspend operation fees on video draw poker devices.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends
14 the provisions of R.S. 27:435(A)(5).

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon
16 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the sixtieth day after final adjournment
17 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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Present law (R.S. 27:435(A)(5)) provides for an annual fee on video poker devices, per device, based on the licensed establishment where the device is placed. Provides that:

- (1) For devices located at a licensed establishment that is a restaurant, bar, tavern, cocktail lounge, club, motel or hotel - \$250
- (2) For devices located at a licensed establishment that is a race track - \$1,250
- (3) For devices located at a licensed establishment that is an off track wagering facility - \$1,000
- (4) For devices located at a licensed establishment that is a qualified truck stop facility - \$1,000

Present law authorizes the payment of operation fees to be made quarterly, due by the 10th of the first month of each calendar quarter.

Suspends present law until 60 days after adjournment of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature.