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HB 670 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes qualified truck stop facilities to suspend operations for 30 days in order to complete renovations and authorizes the licensee to operate video draw poker devices; requires force majeure to be in effect beginning March 17, 2020, through June 30, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present law provides that a qualified truck stop facility shall mean a facility covering at least five developed contiguous acres which sells fuel, lubricating oil, and other vehicular merchandise, such as batteries, tires, or vehicle parts for 18-wheel tractor-trailers, and which meets certain criteria provided for in present law (R.S. 27:417(A)).

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.

Proposed law requires the present law criteria and amenity requirements for qualified truck stops to be in effect beginning March 17, 2020, through June 30, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Relative to the present law criteria and amenity requirements for qualified truck stops, require force majeure to be in effect beginning March 17, 2020, through June 30, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.