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SB 300 Reengrossed

2020 Regular Session

Jackson

Present law provides that no licensee will hold, operate, or conduct any game of chance under present law more often than on 20 days in any one calendar month.

Proposed law removes present law.

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.

Proposed law authorizes electronic video bingo machines to be available in any location licensed for charitable bingo. Further provides that at commercial locations, the machines may be played only during the times when an organization is licensed with a minimum of one member present on the premises. Such time shall not exceed an eight-hour period of time per charity when a game is not being called.

Proposed law provides that a violation will result in a civil violation and fine, and possible revocation of license.

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

(Amends R.S. 4:714 and 740(A); Adds R.S. 4:724.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Removes provisions relative to lease of premises.
2. Adds provisions relative to time, location, and duration of play for electronic video bingo machines.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Restricts time to not more than an eight hour period of time per charity when a game is not being called at commercial locations.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove proposed law relative to the time, location, and duration of play of electronic video bingo machines at noncommercial locations.
2. Make technical corrections.