

SENATE BILL NO. 5

BY SENATORS JOHNS AND SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVES WILFORD CARTER,
FARNUM, GAINES, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, PIERRE AND
ROMERO

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:44(16), 205(17), and 353(8), and to enact R.S. 27:44(21.1),
3 205(30.1), and 353(9.1), relative to gaming; to except certain promotional play
4 wagers in determining net revenue in certain gaming; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 27:44(16), 205(17), and 353(8) are hereby amended and reenacted,
8 and R.S. 27:44(21.1), 205(30.1), and 353(9.1) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §44. Definitions

10 When used in this Chapter, the following terms shall mean:

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12 (16) "Net gaming proceeds" means the total of all cash and property,
13 including checks received by a licensee, whether collected or not, received by the
14 licensee from gaming operations, less the total of all cash paid out as winnings to
15 patrons **and five million dollars annually directly attributable to promotional**
16 **play wagers.**

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18 **(21.1) "Promotional play wagers" means wagers placed by patrons using**
19 **noncashable vouchers, promotional chips, coupons, electronic credits, electronic**
20 **promotions, scrips, or any other cash equivalent that is provided to the patron**
21 **by the licensee.**

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1 §205. Definitions

2 When used in this Chapter, the following terms have these meanings:

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4 (17) "Gross revenue" means the total of all value received by the casino
5 gaming operator from gaming operations, including cash, checks, vouchers,
6 instruments and anything received in payment for credit extended to a patron for
7 purposes of gaming, and compensation received for conducting any game in which
8 the casino gaming operator is not party to a wager, less the total of all value or
9 amounts paid out as winnings to patrons and credit instruments or checks which are
10 uncollected as determined by rule of the corporation **and five million dollars**
11 **annually directly attributable to promotional play wagers.**

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13 **(30.1) "Promotional play wagers" means wagers placed by patrons using**
14 **noncashable vouchers, promotional chips, coupons, electronic credits, electronic**
15 **promotions, scrips, or any other cash equivalent that is provided to the patron**
16 **by the casino gaming operator.**

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18 §353. Definitions

19 When used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have these meanings:

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21 (8) "Net slot machine proceeds" means the total of all cash and property
22 received by a licensee from slot machine gaming operations minus the amount of
23 cash or prizes paid to winners **and five million dollars annually directly**
24 **attributable to promotional play wagers.**

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26 **(9.1) "Promotional play wagers" means wagers placed by patrons using**
27 **noncashable vouchers, promotional chips, coupons, electronic credits, electronic**
28 **promotions, scrips, or any other cash equivalent that is provided to the patron**
29 **by the licensee.**

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____