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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that all electronic gaming devices located on riverboats and at slots at track facilities be connected to a licensee's central computer system, casino management system, and slot machine management system as applicable.

Present law requires that all licensed video draw poker devices, video pull-tabs, electronic gaming devices on licensed riverboats, and slot machines at live racing facilities be connected to a central computer in order to maintain the security and integrity of electronic gaming devices and for ensuring accurate and thorough accounting procedures.

Proposed law amends present law to require all licensed video draw poker devices, video pull-tabs, electronic gaming devices on licensed riverboats, and slot machines at live racing facilities to be connected to each licensee's central computer system, casino management system, and slot machine management system as applicable, to which the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, and the La. Gaming Control Bd. have complete and unrestricted access to the information contained in electronic gaming devices.

Present law provides that the central computer system shall not provide for the monitoring or reading of personal or financial information concerning patrons of gaming activities conducted on a riverboat or at live racing facilities.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, to impose and collect an annual fee not in excess of \$50 on each electronic gaming device linked by telecommunication to the central computer system. Provides that the purpose of the fee shall be to defray the costs to the state of acquiring, implementing, and maintaining the central computer system. The annual fee is required to be established in an amount which will generate an amount of funds in each fiscal year which is equal to the projected cost of administering the system for that fiscal year. The fee is subject to annual legislative oversight approval.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 27:30.6(A)(2), (3), and (4) and (B) through (F); Repeals 27:30.6(G) and (I))