

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 379

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

GAMBLING/RIVERBOAT: Provides relative to licenses for riverboat gaming

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:75(B), relative to riverboat gaming operations; to provide
3 relative to the renewal of licenses; to provide relative to licenses when voters do not
4 approve a proposition for riverboat gaming; to provide for an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 27:75(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §75. Renewal of licenses; penalties

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10 B.(1) Application for renewal of all licenses, and all applicable license fees,
11 shall be filed with the board no later than sixty days prior to the expiration of the
12 current license.

13 (2) In any parish in which a referendum election is called by the governing
14 authority and a majority of voters do not approve the proposition for riverboat
15 gaming, the board shall not grant a license therefor and shall not accept or consider
16 an application for such license in the same parish until the expiration of at least two
17 years from the date of the election at which riverboat gaming in the parish was not
18 approved.

19 (3) In any parish in which a referendum election is called by the governing
20 authority and a majority of voters do not approve the proposition for riverboat

1 gaming, the operator's license shall be void and shall not be considered for renewal
2 by the board.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to a riverboat gaming license when voters do not approve a proposition for riverboat gaming.

Present law provides that an application for a renewal of a riverboat gaming license, and all applicable license fees, shall be filed with the La. Gaming Control Board no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the current license.

Proposed law provides that in any parish in which a referendum election is called by the governing authority and a majority of voters do not approve the proposition for riverboat gaming, the board shall not grant a riverboat gaming license and shall not accept or consider an application for such license in the same parish until the expiration of at least two years from the date of the election at which riverboat gaming in the parish was not approved.

Proposed law further provides that in any parish in which a referendum election is called by the governing authority and a majority of voters do not approve the proposition for riverboat gaming, the operator's license shall be void and shall not be considered for renewal by the board.

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

(Amends R.S. 27:75(B))