

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 200

BY SENATOR JACKSON

CHARITABLE GAMING. Provides relative to electronic or video bingo machines and licensed premises. (7/1/22)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:724(J) and (K) and to enact R.S. 4:724(L), relative to
3 electronic or video bingo; to allow for the replacement of certain machines; to
4 geographically restrict locations of licensed premises; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 4:724(J) and (K) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 4:724(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §724. Use of electronic or video bingo games

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11 ~~J.(1) Any person who is licensed as a distributor shall be permitted to operate~~
12 ~~electronic video bingo machines which are not in compliance with the provisions of~~
13 ~~R.S. 4:724(B)(5) if either of the following occurs:~~

14 ~~(a) The licensed distributor has purchased or has entered into a lease~~
15 ~~agreement approved by the office for the total number of electronic video bingo~~
16 ~~machines to be placed at a specific location and the electronic video bingo machines~~
17 ~~have been permitted by the office and placed at a location which has been approved~~

1 ~~by the office on or prior to August 15, 2008; or~~

2 ~~(b) The licensed distributor has delivered to the office or has sent by certified~~
3 ~~mail an application with the required fees to have electronic video bingo machines~~
4 ~~permitted, which application has been received, but not approved by the office on or~~
5 ~~prior to August 15, 2008, and the application includes one of the following:~~

6 ~~(i) Proof of purchase for the total number of video bingo machines to be~~
7 ~~placed at a specific location.~~

8 ~~(ii) A nonrefundable deposit of a minimum of twenty-five percent of the fair~~
9 ~~market value of the wholesale purchase price of the total number of machines to be~~
10 ~~placed at a specific location.~~

11 ~~(iii) A nonrefundable deposit on a lease agreement which is equivalent in~~
12 ~~value to a minimum of twenty-five percent of the fair market value of the wholesale~~
13 ~~purchase price of the total number of machines to be placed at a specific location.~~

14 ~~(2) Electronic video bingo machines authorized by the provisions of this~~
15 ~~Subsection shall only be placed at one of the following locations:~~

16 ~~(a) A location which has been approved by the office on or prior to August~~
17 ~~15, 2008; or~~

18 ~~(b) A location for which a completed application with the required fees for~~
19 ~~the licensing to conduct charitable gaming at a specific location has been received~~
20 ~~by the office on or prior to August 15, 2008. However, locations which have not~~
21 ~~been approved by the office prior to August 15, 2008, but for which an application~~
22 ~~has been timely filed as provided by this Subparagraph, shall have received final~~
23 ~~approval from the office and must be occupied by August 15, 2009, in order to~~
24 ~~operate electronic video bingo machines which are not in compliance with the~~
25 ~~provisions of R.S. 4:724(B)(5). **On and after July 1, 2022, no new license shall be**~~
26 ~~**granted to any location to operate electronic video bingo machines within five**~~
27 ~~**hundred feet of any property that is on the National Register of Historic Places,**~~
28 ~~**any public playground, or a building used exclusively as a church, synagogue,**~~
29 ~~**public library, or school.**~~

1 **(2) In municipalities and in unincorporated areas that are divided into**
2 **subdivisions with streets, blocks, and sidewalks, the distance provided in**
3 **Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be measured as a person walks using the**
4 **sidewalk from the nearest point of the property line of the property on the**
5 **National Registry of Historic Places, public playground, church, synagogue,**
6 **public library, or school to the nearest point of the premises to be licensed.**

7 **(3) Outside of municipalities and in unincorporated areas that are not**
8 **divided into subdivisions with streets, blocks, or sidewalks, the measurement of**
9 **the distance required by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be a straight line**
10 **from the nearest point of the property line of the property on the National**
11 **Registry of Historic Places, public playground, church, synagogue, public**
12 **library, or school to the nearest point of the premises to be licensed.**

13 **K. No license shall be granted to a location that is within a parish that**
14 **has approved a proposition authorizing video draw poker or in a location within**
15 **two miles of the border of a parish that has approved a proposition authorizing**
16 **video draw poker.**

17 ~~K.L.~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary, any
18 electronic video bingo machine authorized pursuant to Subsection J of this Section
19 which **that is not in compliance with Paragraph (B)(5) of this Section and** is
20 destroyed or rendered inoperable in any manner may be replaced by an electronic
21 video bingo machine of a similar make and model ~~which is not in compliance with~~
22 ~~the provisions of R.S. 4:724(B)(5) even if such replacement electronic video bingo~~
23 ~~machine was purchased after August 15, 2008~~ **at any location approved by the**
24 **office, provided however, no new permits for an additional number of electronic**
25 **video bingo machines that are not in compliance with Paragraph (B)(5) shall be**
26 **issued.**

27 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022; if vetoed by the governor
28 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day
29 following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2022, whichever is later.

Proposed law provides that on and after July 1, 2022, no new license shall be granted to any location to operate electronic video bingo machines, within 500 feet of any property that is on the National Register of Historic Places, any public playground, or a building used exclusively as a church, synagogue, public library, or school. Provides that in municipalities and in unincorporated areas that are divided into subdivisions with streets, blocks, and sidewalks, the distance shall be measured as a person walks using the sidewalk from the nearest point of the property line of the property on the National Registry of Historic Places, public playground, church, synagogue, public library, or school to the nearest point of the premises to be licensed. Provides that outside of municipalities and in unincorporated areas that are not divided into subdivisions with streets, blocks, or sidewalks, the measurement of the distance shall be a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the property on the National Registry of Historic Places, public playground, church, synagogue, public library, or school to the nearest point of the premises to be licensed.

Proposed law provides that no license shall be granted to a location that is within a parish that has approved video draw poker or in a location within two miles of the border of a parish that has approved video draw poker.

Effective July 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 4:724(J) and (K); adds R.S. 4:724(L))