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HOUSE BILL NO. 996

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

GAMBLING/CHARITABLE: Provides relative to the operation of charitable bingo

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 4:724(B)(1) and (9) and 732(B)(2), to enact R.S. 4:724(B)(10),
3	and to repeal R.S. 4:732(I) and 739(E), relative to charitable gaming; to provide
4	relative to the use of electronic or video bingo games; to provide relative to the cost
5	of each game play; to require machines to accept any denomination of cash in the
6	form of bills or tickets; to provide relative to the limit for the mega jackpot for
7	progressive mega jackpot bingo games; to provide relative to sales of progressive
8	mega jackpot bingo on Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; to provide relative
9	to the number of electronic dabber devices issued to patrons who purchase bingo
10	paper packs; and to provide for related matters.
11	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
12	Section 1. R.S. 4:724(B)(1) and (9) and 732(B)(2) are hereby amended and
13	reenacted and R.S. 4:724(B)(10) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
14	§724. Use of electronic or video bingo games
15	* * *
16	B. Any such electronic bingo machine shall be subject to the following
17	requirements and restrictions concerning its operation and use:
18	(1) The cost of each game play shall be not less than twenty-five cents nor
19	more than one dollar four dollars.
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1	(9) A machine shall have a mechanism that accepts any denomination of
2	cash in the form of bills or tickets verifiable as valid indicating the ticket value.
3	(10) No person under the age of eighteen shall assist in the holding,
4	operation, or conducting of electronic or video bingo games.
5	* * *
6	§732. Progressive bingo
7	* * *
8	B.
9	* * *
10	(2) The mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game played
11	pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Section and networked or
12	linked together pursuant to Subsection G of this Section may exceed the limit
13	established in R.S. 4:714, but shall not exceed ten thirty thousand dollars. Portions
14	of players' contributions to progressive mega jackpot bingo games may be used for
15	consolation prizes and to contribute to the progressive mega prize pool and shall not
16	be considered part of the limit established in R.S. 4:714(B).
17	* * *
18	Section 2. R.S. 4:732(I) and 739(E) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to electronic video bingo machines, the limit for the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, and the use of Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 4:724(B)) provides relative to requirements and restrictions for electronic video bingo machines. Provides that the cost of each game shall not be less than $25 \, \phi$ nor more than one dollar.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the cost of each game shall not be less than 25¢ nor more than four dollars. Further requires electronic video bingo machines to have a mechanism that accepts any denomination of cash in the form of bills or tickets verifiable as valid indicating the ticket value.

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<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 4:732(B)(2)) provides that the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, networked or linked together through the use of Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices, may exceed the <u>present law</u> prize limit of \$4,500, but shall not exceed \$10,000.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, networked or linked together through the use of Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices, may exceed \$4,500, but shall not exceed \$30,000.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 4:732(I)) provides that sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed six games per hour and shall not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any organization. Authorizes the office of charitable gaming to suspend the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo for any organization that violates <u>present law</u> until the organization becomes compliant.

Proposed law repeals present law.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 4:739(E)) provides that no more than two electronic dabber devices may be issued to any patron who has purchased bingo paper packs for use with the device. Requires at least one electronic dabber device to be used as a back up in the event a device in play malfunctions. Further requires each device to be returned at the conclusion of each session and all cards or faces downloaded for play for the concluded session shall be cleared.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 4:724(B)(1) and (9) and 732(B)(2); Adds R.S. 4:724(B)(10); Repeals R.S. 4:732(I) and 739(E))