
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.

Present law (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¢ nor more than one dollar.

Proposed law 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.

Present law (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 present law prize limit of \$4,500, but shall not exceed \$10,000.

Proposed law 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.

Present law (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 present law until the organization becomes compliant.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law (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))