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HB 834 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to unclaimed property for sports wagering accounts.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 9:153(12)), relative to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, provides for a definition of "property".

<u>Proposed law</u> adds a sports wagering account as defined in <u>present law</u> (R.S. 27:602) to the <u>present law</u> definition of property.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 9:154) provides that property is presumed abandoned if it is unclaimed by the apparent owner for a certain period of time which depends on the type of the particular property.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that funds in a sports wagering account are presumed abandoned if no activity has occurred for three years after the last date the account owner did any of the following: placed a wager, deposited funds, withdrew funds, or provided credentials to log into the account.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits a licensee, operator, or sports wagering account operator holding a sports wagering account which has been abandoned pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> from charging an administration fee or maintenance fee for any abandoned sports wagering account derived from La. residents at any time or for any reason.

(Amends R.S. 9:154(A)(16) and (17); Adds R.S. 9:153(12)(i), 154(A)(18), and 157.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Appropriations</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Change qualifications for a sports wagering account to be presumed abandoned.