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## DIGEST

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HB 620 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools to hold and operate certain games of chance and provides relative to licensing requirements.

Present law provides that the office of charitable gaming may license charitable organizations to hold and operate certain games of chance.

Proposed law adds private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools to the list of organizations authorized to hold and operate certain games of chance.

Present law allows the office to license certain organizations to hold and operate certain games of chance without the organization having to qualify with the IRS for a federal income tax exemption.

Proposed law adds private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools to present law.

Present law provides for definitions for the following terms: booster club, civic or service association, Mardi Gras carnival organization, parent-teacher association, public institution of higher education, and volunteer fire company.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for a definition for "private nonprofit elementary or secondary school".

Present law provides that any club, organization, group, or association which has a membership comprised exclusively of children enrolled in a public or private nonprofit elementary or secondary school and which is approved to conduct activities in such school by the principal of the school in accordance with school board policy shall be exempt from the present law licensing and reporting procedures in a municipality or parish whose governing authority has decided to permit raffles, bingo, and keno within its limits. Further provides that such club, organization, group, or association shall be exempt from licensing and reporting procedures for the purpose of conducting raffles as a means of fund-raising.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that a private nonprofit elementary or secondary school in this state shall be exempt from licensing and reporting procedures in any municipality or parish whose governing authority has decided to permit raffles, bingo, and keno within its limits as provided in present law. Such private nonprofit school shall be exempted from licensing or reporting procedures only for the conducting of raffles as a means of fund-raising.

(Amends R.S. 4:707(D), (E), and (F)(2))