2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 620

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:707(D), (E), and (F)(2), relative to charitable raffles, bingo, and keno; to provide relative to licensing and reporting requirements; to authorize private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools and public elementary or secondary schools to conduct certain games of chance; to provide for definitions; to exempt such schools from licensing and reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:707(D), (E), and (F)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§ 707. Authorization to license certain organizations; exemption; requirement for state license

D.(1) In addition to the authority granted in Subsection A of this Section, the office may license the following organizations, as defined herein, to hold and operate the specific kind of game or games of chance enumerated in Subsection A of this Section without the requirement that any such organization qualify with the Internal Revenue Service for an exemption from federal income tax as specified by R.S. 4:703(1): Mardi Gras carnival organizations, civic or service associations, qualified associations of licensed charitable organizations, volunteer fire companies, booster clubs, parent-teacher associations, private nonprofit elementary or secondary

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schools, public elementary or secondary schools, and public institutions of higher
education.

(2) In addition to the authority granted in Subsection B of this Section, the
governing authority of any parish or municipality may license the following
organizations, as defined herein, to hold and operate the specific kind of game or
games of chance enumerated in Subsection B of this Section without the requirement
that any such organization qualify with the Internal Revenue Service for an
exemption from federal income tax as specified by R.S. 4:703(1): Mardi Gras
carnival organizations, civic or service associations, qualified associations of
licensed charitable organizations, volunteer fire companies, booster clubs, parent-
teacher associations, private nonprofit elementary or secondary schools, public
elementary or secondary schools, and public institutions of higher education.

E. In addition to the provisions of R.S. 4:703, the following definitions shall
apply for the purposes of this Section:

(1) "Booster club" shall mean an organization which promotes and supports
the activities, functions, or programs of a public or a private nonprofit elementary or
secondary school in this state and which has been designated by the school board of
the parish or city in which such school is located to collect funds in the name of that
school.

(2) "Civic or service association" shall mean an organization domiciled in
this state which is operated for the purpose of promoting the social welfare or
providing service to the community and which has derived five thousand dollars or
less in gross receipts from its charitable games of chance during the prior calendar
year.

(3) "Mardi Gras carnival organization" shall mean an organization domiciled
in this state which presents pre-Lenten festivities, including street parades, and which
has received a permit to parade from a municipal or parish governing authority.

(4) "Parent-teacher association" shall mean an organization which is
comprised of teachers and parents of children enrolled in a public or a private
nonprofit elementary or secondary school in this state and which has been designated
by the school board of the parish or city in which such school is located to collect
funds in the name of that school.

(5) "Private nonprofit elementary or secondary school" includes every
nonprofit private elementary or secondary school within the state of Louisiana.

(6) "Public elementary or secondary school" includes every public
elementary or secondary school within the state of Louisiana.

"Public institution of higher education" includes every in-state public
graduate and undergraduate institution, public junior and community college, public
technical institute, and each separate school or department of the institution, college,
or institute when the entire net proceeds are devoted to support the institution.

"Volunteer fire company" shall mean an organization which has been
engaged by the governing authority of a parish, municipality, or fire protection
district to provide fire protection services to the area of this state under its
jurisdiction and which is comprised predominantly of individuals who provide such
services voluntarily and without compensation.

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(2)(a) 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 in this state and which is approved to conduct
activities in such school by the principal of such school in accordance with school
board policy shall be exempt from the licensing and reporting procedures
enumerated in R.S. 4:708 through 716 of this Chapter in a municipality or parish
whose governing authority has decided to permit raffles, bingo, and keno within its
limits as provided in R.S. 4:706. Such club, organization, group, or association shall
be exempted from licensing and reporting procedures only for the conducting of
raffles as a means of fund-raising.

(b) A private nonprofit elementary or secondary school and any public
elementary or secondary school in this state shall be exempt from the licensing and
reporting procedures enumerated in R.S. 4:708 through 716 of this Chapter in any
municipality or parish whose governing authority has decided to permit raffles, bingo, and keno within its limits as provided in R.S. 4:706. Such private nonprofit school or public school shall be exempted from licensing or reporting procedures only for the conducting of raffles as a means of fund-raising.

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