

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 620

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

1 AN ACT

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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14 D.(1) In addition to the authority granted in Subsection A of this Section, the  
15 office may license the following organizations, as defined herein, to hold and operate  
16 the specific kind of game or games of chance enumerated in Subsection A of this  
17 Section without the requirement that any such organization qualify with the Internal  
18 Revenue Service for an exemption from federal income tax as specified by R.S.  
19 4:703(1): Mardi Gras carnival organizations, civic or service associations, qualified  
20 associations of licensed charitable organizations, volunteer fire companies, booster  
21 clubs, parent-teacher associations, private nonprofit elementary or secondary

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

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

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

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

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

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

28            (4) "Parent-teacher association" shall mean an organization which is  
29            comprised of teachers and parents of children enrolled in a public or a private  
30            nonprofit elementary or secondary school in this state and which has been designated

1 by the school board of the parish or city in which such school is located to collect  
2 funds in the name of that school.

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

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

7 ~~(5)~~(7) "Public institution of higher education" includes every in-state public  
8 graduate and undergraduate institution, public junior and community college, public  
9 technical institute, and each separate school or department of the institution, college,  
10 or institute when the entire net proceeds are devoted to support the institution.

11 ~~(6)~~(8) "Volunteer fire company" shall mean an organization which has been  
12 engaged by the governing authority of a parish, municipality, or fire protection  
13 district to provide fire protection services to the area of this state under its  
14 jurisdiction and which is comprised predominantly of individuals who provide such  
15 services voluntarily and without compensation.

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18 (2)(a) Any club, organization, group, or association which has a membership  
19 comprised exclusively of children enrolled in a public or private nonprofit  
20 elementary or secondary school in this state and which is approved to conduct  
21 activities in such school by the principal of such school in accordance with school  
22 board policy shall be exempt from the licensing and reporting procedures  
23 enumerated in R.S. 4:708 through 716 of this Chapter in a municipality or parish  
24 whose governing authority has decided to permit raffles, bingo, and keno within its  
25 limits as provided in R.S. 4:706. Such club, organization, group, or association shall  
26 be exempted from licensing and reporting procedures only for the conducting of  
27 raffles as a means of fund-raising.

28 (b) A private nonprofit elementary or secondary school and any public  
29 elementary or secondary school in this state shall be exempt from the licensing and  
30 reporting procedures enumerated in R.S. 4:708 through 716 of this Chapter in any

