

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 996

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:714(C), 724(B)(1) and (9), 732(B)(2) and (I), and 740(A), to enact R.S. 4:707(E)(7) and (H)(4) and 724(B)(10), and to repeal R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2), relative to charitable gaming; to provide relative to the use of electronic or video bingo games; to provide for raffles; to provide relative to the cost of each game play; to require machines to accept any denomination of cash in the form of bills or tickets; to provide relative to the limit for the mega jackpot for progressive mega jackpot bingo games; to provide relative to sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; to provide relative to the number of electronic dabber devices issued to patrons who purchase bingo paper packs; to provide relative to the conducting and regulation of charitable gaming; to provide relative to sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:714(C), 724(B)(1) and (9), 732(B)(2) and (I), and 740(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:707(E)(7) and (H)(4) and 724(B)(10) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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

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1 §724. Use of electronic or video bingo games

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3 B. Any such electronic bingo machine shall be subject to the following
4 requirements and restrictions concerning its operation and use:

5 (1) The cost of each game play shall be not less than twenty-five cents nor
6 more than ~~one dollar~~ four dollars.

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8 (9) A machine shall have a mechanism that accepts any denomination of
9 cash in the form of bills or tickets verifiable as valid indicating the ticket value.

10 (10) No person under the age of eighteen shall assist in the holding,
11 operation, or conducting of electronic or video bingo games.

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13 §732. Progressive bingo

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15 B.

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17 (2) The mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game played
18 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Section and networked or
19 linked together pursuant to Subsection G of this Section may exceed the limit
20 established in R.S. 4:714, but shall not exceed ~~ten~~ thirty thousand dollars. Portions
21 of players' contributions to progressive mega jackpot bingo games may be used for
22 consolation prizes and to contribute to the progressive mega prize pool and shall not
23 be considered part of the limit established in R.S. 4:714~~(B)~~.

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25 I. Sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card
26 Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed ~~six~~ thirty games per hour ~~and~~
27 ~~shall not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter~~
28 ~~for any organization~~. The office may suspend the sales of progressive mega jackpot
29 bingo for any organization that violates the provisions of this Subsection until the
30 organization becomes compliant.

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1 §740. Session defined

2 A. A session represents authorized games of chance played within a time
3 limit not to exceed eight consecutive hours, ~~with a minimum of twelve hours~~
4 ~~between sessions.~~ A licensee may operate no more than five premises for the
5 purpose of charitable gaming activities, however, each licensee may only have one
6 session at each premise per twelve hour period. A session of keno or bingo when the
7 licensee possesses a special license is limited to ~~six~~ eight consecutive hours.
8 Sessions are limited to not more than one session per calendar day per ~~licensee~~
9 premises. Organizations are not allowed to begin their session until the stated time
10 on their license issued by the office.

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12 Section 2. R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____