2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 996

## BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 4:714(C), 724(B)(1) and (9), 732(B)(2) and (I), and 740(A), to
3	enact R.S. 4:707(E)(7) and (H)(4) and 724(B)(10), and to repeal R.S. 4:739(E)(1)
4	and (2), relative to charitable gaming; to provide relative to the use of electronic or
5	video bingo games; to provide for raffles; to provide relative to the cost of each game
6	play; to require machines to accept any denomination of cash in the form of bills or
7	tickets; to provide relative to the limit for the mega jackpot for progressive mega
8	jackpot bingo games; to provide relative to sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo
9	on Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; to provide relative to the number of
10	electronic dabber devices issued to patrons who purchase bingo paper packs; to
11	provide relative to the conducting and regulation of charitable gaming; to provide
12	relative to sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on Electronic Bingo Card Dabber
13	Devices; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
15	Section 1. R.S. 4:714(C), 724(B)(1) and (9), 732(B)(2) and (I), and 740(A) are
16	hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:707(E)(7) and (H)(4) and 724(B)(10) are hereby
17	enacted to read as follows:
18	§707. Authorization to license certain organizations; exemption; requirement for
19	state license
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21	E. In addition to the provisions of R.S. 4:703, the following definitions shall
22	apply for the purposes of this Section:
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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

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1	(7) "Coastal conservation association" shall mean a member-based
2	organization domiciled in this state operated for the purpose of promoting marine
3	wildlife and habitat conservation and whose mission is to promote and enhance the
4	present and future availability of coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of
5	the general public.
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7	H.
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9	(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, a
10	coastal conservation association as defined in R.S. 4:707(E)(7) shall be exempt from
11	the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, strictly for the purposes of
12	conducting the game of chance commonly known as raffle or raffles as defined in
13	R.S. 4:707(A)(1).
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15	§714. Restrictions; requirements; transfers; prohibitions
16	* * *
17	C.(1) Each licensee shall designate an active member and a sufficient
18	number of alternate members of the organization to be in charge of and primarily
19	responsible for each session of a game of chance. Such individual, or alternates, who
20	shall be designated as the member-in-charge, shall supervise all activities of such
21	session and be responsible for the conduct of all games of such session. The
22	member-in-charge or alternate shall be present at all times on the premises during the
23	session. In addition, each The provisions of this Paragraph shall only apply to cal
24	bingo sessions.
25	(2) Each licensee shall designate an active member of the organization to be
26	responsible for the documentation of receipts and disbursements as well as the
27	maintenance of all financial records. Such individual designated shall have been a
28	member in good standing of the organization and shall be familiar with the
29	provisions of this Chapter, applicable local ordinances and regulations, and the rules
30	and regulations of the office.

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HB NO. 996 **ENROLLED** 1 §724. Use of electronic or video bingo games 2 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 more than one dollar four dollars. 6 7 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. 12 13 §732. Progressive bingo 14 15 В. 16 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). 24 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

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organization becomes compliant.

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HB NO. 996 **ENROLLED** 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 purpose of charitable gaming activities, however, each licensee may only have one 5 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. 11 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

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_