

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 4:707(H)) requires a person or organization to obtain a license from the office of charitable gaming within the Dept. of Revenue to hold, operate, or conduct any game of chance enumerated in existing law.

New law exempts coastal conservation associations from the existing law requirement to obtain a license, strictly for the purpose of conducting raffles.

New law defines "coastal conservation association" as a member-based organization domiciled in the state operated for the purpose of promoting marine wildlife and habitat conservation and whose mission is to promote and enhance the present and future availability of coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public.

Prior law (R.S. 4:714(C)) provides that a member of a licensed charity must be present during any bingo games.

New law requires a member of the licensed charity to be present only during call bingo games.

Existing law (R.S. 4:724(B)) provides relative to requirements and restrictions for electronic video bingo machines. Prior law provided that the cost of each game shall not be less than 25¢ nor more than one dollar.

New law provides that the cost of each game shall not be less than 25¢ nor more than four dollars. Further requires electronic video bingo machines to have a mechanism that accepts any denomination of cash in the form of bills or tickets verifiable as valid indicating the ticket value.

Prior law (R.S. 4:732(B)(2)) provided that the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, networked or linked together through the use of Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices, may exceed the existing law prize limit of \$4,500, but shall not exceed \$10,000.

New law provides that the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, networked or linked together through the use of Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices, may exceed \$4,500, but shall not exceed \$30,000.

Prior law (R.S. 4:732(I)) provided that sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed six games per hour and shall not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any organization.

Existing law authorizes the office of charitable gaming to suspend the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo for any organization that violates existing law until the organization becomes compliant.

New law provides that the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization shall not exceed 30 games per hour. New law removes the prohibition that the sales shall not exceed the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any organization.

Prior law (R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2)) provides that no more than two electronic dabber devices may be issued to any patron who has purchased bingo paper packs for use with the device. Further requires at least one electronic dabber device to be used as a back up in the event a device in play malfunctions.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law (R.S. 4:740(A)) provided for the definition of a session, which shall not exceed eight consecutive hours with a minimum of 12 hours between sessions. Provided that a session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special license is limited to six

consecutive hours. Provides that sessions are limited to not more than one session per calendar day per licensee.

New law removes the minimum of twelve hours between sessions. Authorizes a licensee to operate no more than five premises for the purpose of charitable gaming activities. Provides that a session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special license is limited to eight consecutive hours. Provides that sessions are limited to not more than one session per calendar day per premises.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 4:714(C), 724(B)(1) and (9), 732(B)(2) and (I), and 740(A); Adds R.S. 4:707(E)(7) and (H)(4) and 724(B)(10); Repeals R.S. 4:739(E)(1) and (2))