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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts any bona fide conservation organization dedicated principally to the conservation of game fish from licensing and reporting procedures for conducting raffles.

Present law provides that any bona fide conservation organization, which is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) corporation, dedicated principally to the conservation of a specific species, genus, or family of game animal, including but not limited to the conservation of ducks, waterfowl generally, quail, and turkeys and which is otherwise permitted to conduct charitable gaming shall be exempt from present law licensing and reporting procedures for conducting raffles as a means of fund-raising in a municipality or parish whose governing authority permits raffles, bingo, and keno.

Proposed law amends present law to also exempt any bona fide conservation organization dedicated principally to the conservation of game fish, including but not limited to saltwater and freshwater fish such as speckled trout, redfish, flounder, large mouth bass, and crappie, from present law licensing and reporting procedures for conducting raffles as a means of fund-raising in a municipality or parish whose governing authority permits raffles, bingo, and keno.

(Amends R.S. 4:707(F)(4))