

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Original Senate Bill No. 189 by Senator Jackson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 3 and insert:

3 "R.S. 4:724(J) and to enact R.S. 4:724(L) and (M), relative to electronic or video
4 bingo;"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, line 5, after "locations;" delete the remainder of the line and on line 6 delete
7 "certain circumstances;"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, line 9, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 10 and
10 insert:

11 "R.S. 4:724(J) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:724(L) and (M) are
12 hereby enacted to read as"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 4

14 On page 1, delete lines 14 through 17 and delete page 2 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through
15 6 and insert:

16 "J.(1) Any license or permit that was issued to any location for the use of
17 electronic bingo machines before June 30, 2022, is a bona fide and valid license
18 and permit under Louisiana law.

19 (2) Any license or permit that was issued to any distributor for the use
20 of electronic video bingo machines before June 30, 2022, is a bona fide and valid
21 license and permit under Louisiana law.

22 (3) Any person who is may be licensed as a distributor ~~shall be permitted to~~
23 operate electronic video bingo machines ~~which are not in compliance with the~~
24 ~~provisions of R.S. 4:724(B)(5) if either of the following occurs:~~

25 (a) The licensed distributor has purchased or has entered into a lease
26 agreement approved by the office for the total number of electronic video bingo
27 machines to be placed at a specific location and the electronic video bingo machines
28 have been permitted by the office and placed at a location which has been approved
29 by the office on or prior to August 15, 2008; ~~or,~~

30 (b) ~~The licensed distributor~~ person has delivered to the office or has sent by
31 certified mail an application with the required fees to have electronic video bingo
32 machines permitted, ~~which and the application has been received, but not approved~~
33 ~~by the office on or prior to August 15, 2008, and the application includes one of the~~
34 ~~following:~~ includes proof of purchase for the total number of video bingo
35 machines to be placed at a specific location that has been approved by the office.

36 (i) ~~Proof of purchase for the total number of video bingo machines to be~~
37 ~~placed at a specific location.~~

38 (ii) ~~A nonrefundable deposit of a minimum of twenty-five percent of the fair~~
39 ~~market value of the wholesale purchase price of the total number of machines to be~~
40 ~~placed at a specific location.~~

41 (iii) ~~A nonrefundable deposit on a lease agreement which is equivalent in~~
42 ~~value to a minimum of twenty-five percent of the fair market value of the wholesale~~
43 ~~purchase price of the total number of machines to be placed at a specific location.~~

1 (2) ~~(4)~~ Electronic video bingo machines authorized by the provisions of this
2 Subsection shall only be placed at one of the following locations:

3 (a) A location which has been approved by the office ~~on or prior to August~~
4 ~~15, 2008; or,~~

5 (b) A location for which a completed application with the required fees for
6 the licensing to conduct charitable gaming at a specific location has been received
7 **and approved** by the office ~~on or prior to August 15, 2008.~~ However, locations
8 which have not been approved by the office prior to August 15, 2008, but for which
9 an application has been timely filed as provided by this Subparagraph, shall have
10 received final approval from the office and must be occupied by August 15, 2009,
11 in order to operate electronic video bingo machines which are not in compliance with
12 the provisions of R.S. 4:724(B)(5).

13 **(5)(a) If at any time the Legislature of Louisiana amends the law to add**
14 **for new licenses, the office shall not issue any new license or permit after June**
15 **20, 2022, that would allow any electronic or video bingo machine to be placed**
16 **within one mile from any property on the National Register of Historic Places,**
17 **any public playground, any residential property, or any building used primarily**
18 **as a church, synagogue, public library, or school. The measurement of the**
19 **distance shall be a straight line from the nearest point of the intended location**
20 **for the electronic video bingo machine for which any license or permit is sought**
21 **to the nearest point of the property on the National Register of Historic Places,**
22 **the public playground, the residential property, or the building used primarily**
23 **as a church, synagogue, public library, or school.**

24 (b) **The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to either of the**
25 **following:**

26 **(i) Any location that is damaged or destroyed due to an act of God,**
27 **natural disaster, force majeure, catastrophic event, action by a governmental**
28 **body, or a similar occurrence over which the licensee or permittee has no**
29 **control.**

30 **(ii) To any location licensed to conduct electronic video bingo on or**
31 **before June 30, 2022.**

32 **(c) For the purposes of this Paragraph, "residential property" means**
33 **any property that is wholly or partly used for or intended to be used for living**
34 **or sleeping by human occupants and that includes one or more rooms, including**
35 **a bathroom and complete kitchen facilities. "Residential property" shall**
36 **include a mobile home or manufactured housing provided that the mobile home**
37 **or manufactured housing has been in its present location for at least sixty days.**
38 **"Residential property" shall not include any hotel or motel.**

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40 **L. If any location, where electronic or video bingo machines are validly**
41 **licensed or permitted to operate is damaged or destroyed due to an occurrence**
42 **that is an act of God, natural disaster, force majeure, catastrophic event, action**
43 **by a governmental body, or a similar occurrence over which the licensee or**
44 **permittee has no reasonable control, the office may allow electronic or video**
45 **bingo machines to operate at the same physical location.**

46 **M.(1) A location that has been licensed to conduct electronic video bingo**
47 **by the office may be sold or transferred to a new owner if the new owner is**
48 **found suitable to hold a charitable gaming license by the office pursuant to this**
49 **Chapter.**

50 **(2) Electronic video bingo machines licensed by the office may be sold**
51 **or transferred to a new owner if the new owner is found suitable to hold a**
52 **charitable gaming license by the office pursuant to this Chapter.**