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Abstract: Provides relative to the number of video draw poker devices certain businesses may operate and to areas where video draw poker devices may not be granted.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the number of video draw poker devices permitted at certain alcoholic beverage facilities <u>from</u> three <u>to</u> four and provides criteria to qualify for additional video draw poker devices.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the number of video draw poker devices permitted at truck stops <u>from</u> 50 <u>to</u> 60.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the number of video draw poker devices permitted at hotels and motels <u>from</u> three <u>to</u> four for individual lounges and <u>from</u> 12 <u>to</u> 13 for the hotel or motel.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that offtrack wagering facilities shall not be granted a license to operate video draw poker devices within one mile of any property on the National Register of Historic Places, any public playground, any residential property, or a building used primarily as a church, synagogue, public library, or school.

Proposed law provides for the designation of residential districts for the purposes of proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides relative to franchise fee rates and appropriation for revenue generated by video draw poker devices.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 27:412(B)(1) and (2), 413(A) and (B), 414(intro. para.), 416(A), (C)(2)(a)- (c) and (3)(b) and 435(D)(4); Adds R.S. 27:415(C)-(G))