

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to  
Original House Bill No. 540 by Representative Fontenot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 3 in its entirety and insert "paragraph), 416(A), (C)(2)(a) through (c) and (3)(b), 435(D)(4), and 437(C)(3) and (4), and to enact R.S."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after the comma "," and before "relative" insert "437(C)(5), and 439.1,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete line 11 in its entirety and insert "416(A), (C)(2)(a) through (c) and (3)(b), 435(D)(4), and 437(C)(3) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 12 after "R.S. 27:415(C) through (G)" and before "are" insert a comma "," and insert "437(C)(5) and 439.1"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"§437. Video Draw Poker Device Fund; distribution and expenditure

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C. Except as provided in Paragraph ~~(3)~~ (4) of this Subsection, the monies in the Video Draw Poker Device Fund shall only be withdrawn pursuant to appropriation by the legislature and shall be distributed as follows:

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(3) An amount shall be allocated to the Video Draw Poker Device Supplement Fund as follows:

(a) The monies in excess of the monies generated in R.S. 27:435 for the Louisiana State fiscal year 2024, if any, and received in this Chapter and distributed as outlined above, the initial twenty-two million dollars shall be allocated as provided in R.S. 27:439.1.

(b) Any monies after (3)(a), in excess of the monies generated in R.S. 27:435 for the Louisiana State fiscal year 2024 and received in this Chapter and distributed as outlined above, fifteen percent shall be allocated as provided in R.S. 27:439.1.

~~(3)~~ (4) Any unexpended or unencumbered portion of the twenty-five percent remaining in the Video Draw Poker Device Fund after the allocations made pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the state general fund but shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Any remaining portion of the seventy-five percent of the unexpended or unencumbered monies in the Video Draw Poker Device Fund after the allocations made pursuant to the provisions of Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Subsection at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the state general fund.

~~(4)~~ (5) An amount equal to all franchise payments exempted pursuant to R.S. 27:321 shall be considered to be part of the Video Draw Poker Device Fund for purposes of calculating the distribution of the fund pursuant to Paragraphs (1), (2), and ~~(2)~~ (3).

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§439.1 Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplement Fund; additional distribution and expenditure

A. Funds specified pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 27:437(C) shall be forwarded by the division to the state treasurer for immediate deposit in the state treasury. The funds so deposited shall first be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund in accordance with Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana. Thereafter, the state treasurer shall, each fiscal year, credit to a special fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and entitled the Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplement Fund, an amount equal to all funds specified pursuant to R.S. 27:437(C)(3). Monies in the Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplement Fund shall only be withdrawn pursuant to an appropriation by the legislature and shall be used solely as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

B. Monies in the Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplement Fund pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 27:437(C)(3) shall be annually appropriated to the Louisiana State Racing Commission within the office of the governor, and shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Sixty percent of the funds appropriated to the commission pursuant to this Section shall be allocated and provided to the Horsemen's Bookkeeper to be used at the licensed racing associations in the state which conduct live horse racing on the basis of the proportion the number of thoroughbred race days each association conducted for the preceding year bears to the total number of thoroughbred race days conducted statewide for the preceding year. These additional monies shall be distributed in accordance with a schedule or formula established by the purse committee of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association on Louisiana-bred thoroughbred races or for Louisiana-bred horses that earn a percentage of the purse in a non-breed restricted race.

(2) Thirty percent of the funds appropriated to the commission pursuant to this Section shall be allocated and provided to the Louisiana Quarterhorse Breeders' Association to be used to supplement purses for Louisiana bred quarterhorses.

(3) Four and one-half percent of the funds appropriated to the commission pursuant to this Section shall be allocated and provided to the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Association for Breeder Awards.

(4) Two and one-quarter percent of the funds appropriated to the commission pursuant to this Section shall be allocated and provided to the Louisiana Quarterhorse Breeders' Association for Breeder Awards.

(5) Two percent of the funds appropriated to the commission pursuant to this Section shall be allocated and provided to the Louisiana State Racing Commission.

(6) One and one-quarter percent of the funds appropriated to the commission pursuant to this Section shall be allocated and provided to the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, 1993 Inc."