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DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> provides for the operation of video draw poker devices at qualified truck stops.

<u>Present law</u> provides a licensee will be penalized for allowing a person under the age of 21 to play or operate a video draw poker device at a licensed establishment, unless the licensee, his employee, or agent reasonably believed that the person was 21 years old or older.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits a licensee to allow a person under 21 to play or operate a video draw poker device when the licensee, his employee, or agent is shown to have known or reasonably believed he was allowing a person under 21 to operate or play the video draw poker device.

<u>Present law</u> further prohibits a licensee to allow a person under 15 to play or operate a video draw poker device regardless of what the licensee, his employee, or agent knew or reasonably believed about the age of the person.

<u>Present law</u> provides the penalty for the third or subsequent violation of either offense will be the revocation of the licensee's video draw poker license.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the automatic revocation penalty for a third or subsequent offense and provides a hearing is to be conducted by the Gaming Control Board to determine if extenuating circumstances are present pursuant to which a license suspension or revocation should not be imposed.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that at the conclusion of the hearing the board may revoke or suspend a license or impose a fine on the licensee.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 27:443(B)(1)(a)(ii) and (b)(iii))

<u>Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate</u>

    <u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill</u>

1.   Adds authority for the Gaming Control Board, at the conclusion of a revocation hearing, to revoke or suspend a license or impose a fine on the licensee.