

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 323

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

GAMBLING/CHARITABLE: Provides with respect to progressive bingo

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:732(A) through (E) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F),
3 and to enact R.S. 4:707(J) and 739(A)(2)(f), relative to charitable gaming; to
4 authorize the conducting of progressive mega jackpot bingo; to provide with respect
5 to jackpots for progressive mega jackpot bingo games; to provide for exceptions to
6 amount of prizes awarded during a bingo session; to provide for applicability; to
7 provide with respect to Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; to allow those
8 devices to provide for networking of charitable gaming organizations; to provide for
9 player tracking; to provide relative to regulatory authority; and to provide for related
10 matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 4:732(A) through (E) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F) are
13 hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:707(J) and 739(A)(2)(f) are hereby enacted to read
14 as follows:

15 §707. Authorization to license certain organizations; exemption; requirement for
16 state license

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18 J. The governing authority of a municipality or parish may, by ordinance,
19 transfer regulatory authority over charitable gaming in that municipality or parish to
20 the office of charitable gaming.

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1 §732. Progressive bingo

2 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing
3 authority of any parish or municipality may permit any charitable licensed
4 organization to conduct progressive; or progressive mega jackpot bingo games. For
5 the purpose of conducting a progressive; or progressive mega jackpot bingo game,
6 such organizations shall:

7 (1) Establish links or networks, electronic, on an Electric Bingo Card Dabber
8 Device and related system or otherwise, between locations, commercial or
9 noncommercial, where licensed charitable bingo games are being conducted.

10 (2) ~~Deposit~~ For a progressive bingo game, deposit a predetermined amount
11 of money not to exceed two hundred dollars per organization into a special account
12 before each licensed call bingo gaming session. ~~Every two-hundred-dollar~~
13 ~~contribution~~ All contributions to a progressive mega jackpot bingo jackpot shall not
14 constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

15 (3) For progressive mega jackpot bingo, contributions deposited before each
16 gaming session shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during
17 that session.

18 B. The mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game or a progressive mega
19 jackpot bingo game played pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this
20 Section may exceed the limit established in R.S. 4:714 but shall not exceed one
21 hundred thousand dollars. Portions of players' contributions to progressive mega
22 jackpot bingo games may be used for consolation prizes and to contribute to the
23 progressive mega prize pool and shall not be considered part of the limit established
24 in R.S. 4:714(B).

25 C. ~~Such game~~ If required, such games shall be offered in accordance with
26 rules and regulations adopted by the governing authority of each municipality or the
27 parish which issued a license to any respective organization which participates in a
28 progressive mega jackpot bingo game, and in accordance with the rules and
29 regulations adopted by the office in Subsection D of this Section.

1 (e) Will not accept coins, currency, or tokens to activate play. Nothing in
2 this Paragraph shall prohibit the Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device and related
3 systems from tracking a player's accounts and credits.

4 (f) Provide a means for all accounting functions related to bingo or
5 progressive or progressive mega bingo games.

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7 F. The office shall adopt any additional rules and regulations necessary to
8 govern the specifications, use, and operation of electronic dabber devices; and their
9 related systems and shall establish a list of manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers
10 authorized to provide electronic dabber devices or a list of acceptable models of the
11 devices, acceptable serial numbers on such models, or manufacturers, distributors,
12 or suppliers.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for progressive mega jackpot bingo and the use of dabber devices.

Present law provides for the conducting of bingo, raffles, electronic pull tabs, and electronic video bingo by charitable gaming organizations.

Present law provides for the regulation of these activities by the office of charitable gaming, Dept. of Revenue.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the use of electronic bingo card dabber devices and provides for the function of these devices.

Proposed law expands the functions of bingo card dabber devices to include networking of charitable gaming organizations, player tracking, and accounting functions related to bingo, progressive bingo, and progressive mega bingo games.

Present law requires a predetermined amount, not to exceed \$200, to be deposited into a special account before each bingo gaming session, and be part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

Proposed law provides, for progressive mega jackpot bingo, that all contributions shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during a session and that contributions deposited before each gaming session shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

Present law provides that the jackpot for a progressive bingo game may exceed the \$4,500 prize limit but shall not exceed \$100,000.

Proposed law retains these provisions of present law and provides that the progressive mega jackpot cannot exceed \$100,000.

Proposed law provides that portions of player's contributions to progressive mega jackpot bingo games may be used for consolation prizes and to contribute to the progressive mega prize pool and shall not be considered part of the \$4,500 limit.

Proposed law provides that the governing authority of a municipality or parish may, by ordinance, transfer regulatory authority over charitable gaming in that municipality or parish to the office of charitable gaming.

Proposed law provides that electronic bingo dabber devices shall not be construed to be electronic video bingo machines or electronic pull-tab devices. Electronic bingo dabber devices shall not offer for play the games authorized to be played on electronic video bingo machines and electronic pull-tab devices.

(Amends R.S. 4:732(A) through (E) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F); Adds R.S. 4:707(J) and 739(A)(2)(f))