
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))