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HB 323 Engrossed

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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 to constitute a part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that for a progressive bingo game, the predetermined amount of money that is deposited into a special account cannot to exceed \$200 and shall not constitute a 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 mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game may exceed the \$4,500 prize limit, but shall not exceed \$100,000.

Proposed law provides that the mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game may exceed the \$4,500 prize limit but shall not exceed \$100,000, if the game is played on bingo paper, bingo cards, or by using an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device.

Proposed law further provides that the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, networked or linked together through the use of Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices, may exceed the \$4,500 prize limit, but shall not exceed \$10,000. 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 requires 80% of the net win from progressive bingo and progressive mega jackpot bingo games to be paid to the charitable organization and 20% of the net win from such games to be paid to the distributors.

Proposed law prohibits the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization to exceed six games per hour and the gross sales of bingo and pull-tabs in a single reporting quarter for any organization. Authorizes the office of charitable gaming to suspend the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo for any organization that violates the prohibition.

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) - (E)(intro. para.) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F); Adds R.S. 4:707(J), 732(H) and (I), and 739(A)(2)(f))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Restore present law relative to every \$200 contribution deposited into a special account for a progressive bingo game, but provide that the contributions shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during a licensed call bingo gaming session.
2. Clarify that the mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game shall not exceed \$100,000, if the game is played on bingo paper, bingo cards, or by using an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device.
3. Provide that the mega jackpot for a progressive mega jackpot bingo game shall not exceed \$10,000.
4. Require 80% of the net win from progressive bingo and progressive mega jackpot bingo

games to be paid to the charitable organization and 20% of the net win from the games to be paid to the distributor.

5. Limit the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo on an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device for any organization to six games per hour, and authorize the office of charitable gaming to suspend the sales of any organization that violates the sales of progressive mega jackpot bingo until the organization becomes compliant.
6. Make technical corrections.