

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 184

2018 Regular Session

Martiny

May 10, 2018

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 184 by Senator Martiny, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That House Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 proposed by the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and adopted by the House of Representatives on April 16, 2018 be adopted.
2. That House Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 3 proposed by Representative Bishop and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 2, 2018 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

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Senator Daniel "Danny" Martiny

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Representative Stuart Bishop

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Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr.

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Representative Sherman Mack

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Senator Jack Donahue

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Representative John Stefanski

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The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley E. Menou.

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

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**Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

VIDEO POKER. Provides relative to video poker. (8/1/18)

**Report adopts House amendments to:**

1. Make technical changes.
2. Increase the minimum fuel sales requirement for truck stops that have been in operation for ten years from 25,000 gallons per month to 30,000 gallons per month to retain the number of devices the facility operated the previous calendar year.
3. Limit the number of devices a qualified truck stop facility is permitted to retain after ten years of operation to not more than 40 devices.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law excludes video line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof from the definition of "video draw poker device".

Proposed law deletes the exclusion of video line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof from the definition of "video draw poker device".

Present law defines "video draw poker" as any card game approved by the division that utilizes one deck of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires that, for card games, each video draw poker device shall use a display with images of cards that closely resemble standard poker playing cards.

Proposed law provides that a video draw poker device may also use additional displays for entertainment purposes and otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that card games must utilize a deck of cards consisting of 52 cards and up to two jokers.

Proposed law clarifies present law and provides that each hand of a card game must utilize a deck of cards consisting of 52 cards and up to two jokers.

Present law provides that a qualified truck stop facility may be granted a license for the placement of up to 50 video draw poker devices in his facility based on the fuel sales of the qualified truck stop.

Proposed law provides that after ten years of operation as a qualified truck stop facility, the facility may operate the same number of devices as the previous year, not to exceed 40 devices, if the facility meets a minimum fuel sales requirement of not less than 30,000 gallons per month.

Present law requires all qualified truck stop facilities operate a fuel facility that offers fuel sales for vehicle consumption.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the Gaming Control Board to adopt rules to recognize alternative fuel sources to satisfy the fuel sales requirement.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 27:402(17), 405(A)(6) and (C)(2), and 416(C) and (D))