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Prior law required all licensed video draw poker devices, video pull-tabs, electronic gaming devices on licensed riverboats, and slot machines at live racing facilities to be connected to a central computer in order to maintain the security and integrity of electronic gaming devices and for ensuring accurate and thorough accounting procedures.

New law amends prior law to require all licensed video draw poker devices, video pull-tabs, electronic gaming devices on licensed riverboats, and slot machines at live racing facilities to be connected to each licensee's central computer system, casino management system, and slot machine management system as applicable, to which the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, and the La. Gaming Control Bd. have complete and unrestricted access to the information contained in electronic gaming devices.

Prior law prohibited the central computer system from monitoring or reading personal or financial information concerning patrons of gaming activities conducted on a riverboat or at live racing facilities.

New law repeals prior law.

Prior law required the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, to impose and collect an annual fee not in excess of \$50 on each electronic gaming device linked by telecommunication to the central computer system. Provided that the purpose of the fee was to defray the costs to the state of acquiring, implementing, and maintaining the central computer system. The annual fee was required to be established in an amount which would generate an amount of funds in each fiscal year equal to the projected cost of administering the system for that fiscal year. The fee was subject to annual legislative oversight approval.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 27:30.6(A)(2), (3), and (4) and (B) through (F); Repeals R.S. 27:30.6(G) and (I))