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## DIGEST

Present law provides for the operation of video draw poker devices.

Present law provides for the regulation of video draw poker device operations by the La. Gaming Control Board and the office of state police, gaming division.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes DPS&C, state police gaming division, to issue renewals of licenses for the operation of video draw poker devices at facilities with no more than three video draw poker devices at their licensed establishments.

Proposed law authorizes the issuance of new licenses as well as license renewals of three machine locations.

Present law provides that a person who has an alcoholic beverage permit for on premises consumption of alcohol may be granted a license to operate no more than three video draw poker devices at that premises.

Present law provides suitability requirements for the issuance of video draw poker licenses and qualification criteria for the issuance of permits for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a restaurant or bar.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and further provides that if a person has met the qualifications for the granting of a permit to sell alcoholic beverages on the premises of a restaurant or bar, they are not required to meet the suitability requirements for the issuance of a video draw poker license to operate three video draw poker devices.

Present law defines a "video draw poker device" as any unit, mechanism, or device authorized that, upon insertion of cash, is available to play or simulate the play of the game of draw poker or other card games approved by the division, utilizing a cathode ray tube or video display screen and microprocessors in which the player may win games or credits that can be redeemed for cash only.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that games other than card games may be authorized by the La. Gaming Control Board or the division, and excludes line up games, mechanical reel games, and slot machines from the definition of a video draw poker device.

Present law provides for specifications of video draw poker devices.

Proposed law deletes the requirement that meters in video draw poker devices be mechanical meters and removes certain present law specifications for video draw poker devices which have become technologically obsolete and otherwise retains present law regarding device specifications.

Present law requires that qualified truck stop facilities have stabilized parking areas as a criteria for licensing as a qualified truck stop.

Proposed law provides that the parking requirements are mandatory for initial licensing, but that once the division has approved the parking area and issued a license for the operation of video draw poker devices, the continued maintenance of the parking area shall not be subject to approval or review by the division.

Proposed law provides for the statutory reorganization of the provisions of present law regarding the licensing and operation of video draw poker devices.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 14:90(C), R.S. 27:20(A)(1)(d)(ii) and R.S. 27:401-457; adds R.S. 27:501- 502; repeals R.S. 27:301-326)