

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 362

BY SENATOR MORRELL

GAMING. Amends certain amenity provisions for qualified truck stops. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:306(A)(4)(c)(ii)(introductory paragraph), (aa), and (bb),  
3 relative to the operation of video draw poker devices at qualified truck stop facilities;  
4 to provide with respect to certain amenity requirements of a qualified truck stop  
5 facility; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 27:306(A)(4)(c)(ii)(introductory paragraph), (aa), and (bb) are  
8 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §306. State license qualifications; limitations; right to hearing

10 A.

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12 (4)

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14 (c) As used in this Section, a "qualified truck stop facility" shall mean a  
15 facility covering at least five developed contiguous acres which sells fuel, lubricating  
16 oil, and other vehicular merchandise, such as batteries, tires, or vehicle parts for  
17 eighteen-wheel tractor-trailers, and which also meets all of the following criteria:

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(ii) It must have an ~~on-site~~ **onsite** restaurant, except for reason of force majeure affecting the ability to maintain the ~~on-site~~ **onsite** restaurant for a reasonable period of time as determined by the division following the interruption of such ability, which for the purposes of qualifying as a qualified truck stop facility, shall be required to have only the following features:

(aa) Provides seating for at least fifty patrons, **with all seats located within a centralized area.**

(bb) Provides ~~full table service~~ **tables or booths** for sit-down meals.

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The original instrument was prepared by Cathy R. Wells. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

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#### DIGEST

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Present law provides for the licensing and operation of video draw poker devices at qualified truck stop facilities which sell lubricating oil and other vehicular merchandise, such as batteries, tires, or vehicle parts for 18-wheel tractor-trailers and requires that they have an onsite restaurant with seating for at least 50 patrons, with full table service for sit-down meals.

Proposed law requires the seats in the restaurants to be in a centralized location, requires the restaurant to offer tables or booths, and removing the full table service requirement.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 27:306(A)(4)(c)(intro para), 306(A)(4)(c)(ii)(aa) and (bb), and 306(A)(4)(c)(iii)(aa))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Technical amendments made.
2. Reinstates requirement that a qualified truck stop facility sells lubricating oil, and other vehicular merchandise, such as batteries, tires, or vehicle parts for 18-wheel tractor-trailers.
3. Removes proposed requirement that the parking area, once approved and the license issued to the facility, not be subject to approval or review.