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Abstract: Amends provisions of law regarding designated representatives employed at video draw poker licensed facilities.

Present law provides for the operation of video draw poker devices at truck stops, horse tracks, and offtrack wagering facilities.

Present law provides for video draw poker employee permits for technician levels one and two. The permits require a suitability determination, are nontransferable, and have a term of five years.

Present law provides that prior to employing a person as a designated representative at a truck stop facility, pari-mutuel wagering facility, or offtrack wagering facility, the video draw poker licensee is required to obtain that person's conviction records and determine if they meet the suitability requirements of present law.

Proposed law provides that if the employee is the holder of a valid video draw poker employee permit, he does not have to undergo an additional suitability determination.

Proposed law provides that if the permit expires, the employee has to undergo the suitability determination and if the employee has had a permit revoked or denied within five years, he is ineligible to serve as a designated representative unless he has a current employee permit.

Proposed law provides that the licensee shall maintain a list of names of the persons employed as designated representatives, have the list readily available for inspection by the division, and provide the list to the division upon request. The list shall also indicate whether that person holds a valid video draw poker employee permit.

Present law provides for a provisional authorization to work when the applicant receives notice from the gaming division of state police indicating it has received the application for a video draw poker employee permit.

Present law provides that the provisional authorization expires when the division takes final action on the application and either denies or grants the video draw poker employee permit.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that the notice of receipt of application shall indicate whether or not it is a provisional authorization to work and that the authorization expires within 90 days or when the division takes action on the application, whichever occurs first.

Proposed law prohibits the issuance of a provisional authorization to work to a person who has previously had a video draw poker permit denied or revoked.

(Amends R.S. 27:427(H) and 449(B) and (C); Adds R.S. 27:449(D))