2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 323

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana. GAMBLING/CHARITABLE: Provides with respect to progressive bingo

1	AN ACT		
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 4:732(A) through (E) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F),		
3	and to enact R.S. 4:707(J) and 739(A)(2)(f), relative to charitable gaming; to		
4	authorize the conducting of progressive mega jackpot bingo; to provide with respect		
5	to jackpots for progressive mega jackpot bingo games; to provide for exceptions to		
6	amount of prizes awarded during a bingo session; to provide for applicability; to		
7	provide with respect to Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Devices; to allow those		
8	devices to provide for networking of charitable gaming organizations; to provide for		
9	player tracking; to provide relative to regulatory authority; and to provide for related		
10	matters.		
11	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:		
12	Section 1. R.S. 4:732(A) through (E) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F) are		
13	hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:707(J) and 739(A)(2)(f) are hereby enacted to read		
14	as follows:		
15	§707. Authorization to license certain organizations; exemption; requirement for		
16	state license		
17	* * *		
18	J. The governing authority of a municipality or parish may, by ordinance,		
19	transfer regulatory authority over charitable gaming in that municipality or parish to		
20	the office of charitable gaming.		
21	* * *		

Page 1 of 5

1	§732. Progressive bingo
2	A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing
3	authority of any parish or municipality may permit any charitable licensed
4	organization to conduct progressive, or progressive mega jackpot bingo games. For
5	the purpose of conducting a progressive, or progressive mega jackpot bingo game,
6	such organizations shall:
7	(1) Establish links or networks, electronic, <u>on an Electric Bingo Card Dabber</u>
8	Device and related system or otherwise, between locations, commercial or
9	noncommercial, where licensed charitable bingo games are being conducted.
10	(2) Deposit For a progressive bingo game, deposit a predetermined amount
11	of money not to exceed two hundred dollars per organization into a special account
12	before each licensed call bingo gaming session. Every two-hundred-dollar
13	contribution All contributions to a progressive mega jackpot bingo jackpot shall not
14	constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.
15	(3) For progressive mega jackpot bingo, contributions deposited before each
16	gaming session shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during
17	that session.
18	B. The mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game or a progressive mega
19	jackpot bingo game played pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this
20	Section may exceed the limit established in R.S. 4:714 but shall not exceed one
21	hundred thousand dollars. Portions of players' contributions to progressive mega
22	jackpot bingo games may be used for consolation prizes and to contribute to the
23	progressive mega prize pool and shall not be considered part of the limit established
24	<u>in R.S. 4:714(B).</u>
25	C. Such game If required, such games shall be offered in accordance with
26	rules and regulations adopted by the governing authority of each municipality or the
27	parish which issued a license to any respective organization which participates in a
28	progressive mega jackpot bingo game, and in accordance with the rules and
29	regulations adopted by the office in Subsection D of this Section.

Page 2 of 5

1	D. The office shall adopt rules and regulations governing progressive <u>bingo</u>		
2	and progressive mega jackpot bingo games to insure ensure compliance with the		
3	provisions of this Chapter and any additional regulations of the state relative to		
4	charitable gaming laws.		
5	E. Any licensed charitable organization or organizations playing at the same		
6	location may conduct progressive blackout bingo games in accordance with rules		
7	established and in effect on August 15, 1995, and as follows:		
8	* * *		
9	G. Organizations may network or link together, including through the use of		
10	an Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device to conduct progressive mega jackpot bingo		
11	games, as provided in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, provided the local governing		
12	authority of each parish has authorized the conducting of such games in the parish.		
13	* * *		
14	§739. Use of electronic bingo card dabber devices		
15	A.(1) Electronic bingo card dabber devices, hereafter referred to as		
16	electronic dabber devices, and defined in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, for the		
17	public playing of bingo, progressive bingo, or progressive mega jackpot bingo may		
18	be made available at any location licensed under the provisions of this Chapter		
19	provided that all requirements of this Section and all requirements of this Chapter not		
20	in conflict with this Section are met. Electronic bingo dabber devices shall not be		
21	construed to be electronic video bingo machines or electronic pull-tab devices.		
22	Electronic bingo dabber devices shall not offer for play the games authorized by the		
23	provisions of R.S. 4:724 or R.S. 4:733.		
24	(2) "Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device", or "Electronic Dabber Device",		
25	or "EBCDD" means an electronic device used by a bingo player to monitor bingo		
26	cards purchased and electronically mark bingo cards downloaded into the device, at		
27	the time and place of the licensed charitable bingo session, and which:		
28	* * *		

Page 3 of 5

I	(e) Will not accept coins, currency, or tokens to activate play. <u>Nothing in</u>
2	this Paragraph shall prohibit the Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device and related
3	systems from tracking a player's accounts and credits.
4	(f) Provide a means for all accounting functions related to bingo or
5	progressive or progressive mega bingo games.
6	* * *
7	F. The office shall adopt any additional rules and regulations necessary to
8	govern the specifications, use, and operation of electronic dabber devices; and their
9	related systems and shall establish a list of manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers
10	authorized to provide electronic dabber devices or a list of acceptable models of the
11	devices, acceptable serial numbers on such models, or manufacturers, distributors,
12	or suppliers.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 323 Original	2017 Regular Session	Franklin
-----------------	----------------------	----------

Abstract: Provides for progressive mega jackpot bingo and the use of dabber devices.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the conducting of bingo, raffles, electronic pull tabs, and electronic video bingo by charitable gaming organizations.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the regulation of these activities by the office of charitable gaming, Dept. of Revenue.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the use of electronic bingo card dabber devices and provides for the function of these devices.

<u>Proposed law</u> expands the functions of bingo card dabber devices to include networking of charitable gaming organizations, player tracking, and accounting functions related to bingo, progressive bingo, and progressive mega bingo games.

<u>Present law</u> requires a predetermined amount, not to exceed \$200, to be deposited into a special account before each bingo gaming session, and be part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides, for progressive mega jackpot bingo, that all contributions shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during a session and that contributions deposited before each gaming session shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

Page 4 of 5

<u>Present law</u> provides that the jackpot for a progressive bingo game may exceed the \$4,500 prize limit but shall not exceed \$100,000.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains these provisions of <u>present law</u> and provides that the progressive mega jackpot cannot exceed \$100,000.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that portions of player's contributions to progressive mega jackpot bingo games may be used for consolation prizes and to contribute to the progressive mega prize pool and shall not be considered part of the \$4,500 limit.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the governing authority of a municipality or parish may, by ordinance, transfer regulatory authority over charitable gaming in that municipality or parish to the office of charitable gaming.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that electronic bingo dabber devices shall not be construed to be electronic video bingo machines or electronic pull-tab devices. Electronic bingo dabber devices shall not offer for play the games authorized to be played on electronic video bingo machines and electronic pull-tab devices.

(Amends R.S. 4:732(A) through (E) and (G) and 739(A)(1) and (2)(e) and (F); Adds R.S. 4:707(J) and 739(A)(2)(f))