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Present law provides for the authority of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the board) to regulate all gaming activities and operations in the state.

Proposed law provides that the board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the provisions of proposed law and otherwise retains present law.

Present law defines "designated gaming area" as that portion of a riverboat in which gaming activities may be conducted. Present law further provides that the designated gaming area may not exceed 60% of the total square footage of the passenger access area of the vessel or 30,000 square feet, whichever is lesser.

Proposed law provides that the designated gaming area may not exceed 2,365 gaming positions and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law defines "gaming position" as a seat at a gaming device or a space at a table game with each device seat counted as one position and each space at a table game counted as one position, subject to the rules and regulations of the board. Proposed law specifically requires the board to provide by rule for the counting of gaming positions for devices and games where seats are not readily countable.

Present law provides that a riverboat must be paddlewheel driven.

Proposed law deletes present law requirement and provides that a riverboat does not have to have an operable paddlewheel or be paddlewheel driven.

Proposed law adds a facility that is approved by the board and located within 1,200 feet of a riverboat's licensed berth to the definition of "riverboat". Further provides for the inspection of such facilities.

Proposed law provides that a licensee may submit an application to the board to move its gaming operations to a facility located within 1,200 feet of the riverboat's licensed berth.

Proposed law provides that such an application must include the licensee's relocation plan, detailed capital improvement and reinvestment plan, and any other information required by the board.

Proposed law provides that the board shall prescribe the form and manner of submission for economic development relocation applications.

Proposed law provides that the gaming operations of a licensee be conducted in accordance with the terms of the license, the requirements of this Title, and rules and regulations adopted by the division and the board.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 27:15(B)(8)(b), 44(4) and (14) – (25), and 66(B)(1); adds R.S. 27:44(26) and 67)