

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 583

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

GAMBLING/CASINO: Provides with respect to the casino operating contract

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:241(A), 241.1, 243(C), 247, and 270(A)(3), and Subpart P-1
3 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
4 of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.81, relative to the land-based casino operating
5 contract; to provide relative to the duration of the primary contract term and the
6 duration of renewal terms; to authorize a renewal term of thirty years when certain
7 conditions are met; to provide relative to compensation paid to the Louisiana Gaming
8 Control Board; to provide for a specific amount to be paid to the Louisiana Gaming
9 Control Board and to provide for disposition and use of such monies; to provide for
10 the deposit of monies into certain special treasury funds; to provide with respect to
11 the Community Water Enrichment Fund; to provide relative to the contract and
12 payment for casino support services; to provide for a specific amount to be paid to
13 the governing authority for the parish where the official gaming establishment is
14 located for providing casino support services; to provide relative to the casino
15 gaming operator's authority to conduct and offer non-casino gaming activities and
16 operations; to provide for certain restrictions on certain non-casino gaming activities
17 including restaurants and hotels; to provide relative to a memorandum of
18 understanding and agreement between the casino gaming operator and the Greater
19 New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association; to provide relative to a memorandum
20 of understanding and agreement between the casino gaming operator and the
21 Louisiana Restaurant Association; and to provide for related matters.

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

2 Section 1. R.S. 27:241(A), 241.1, 243(C), 247, and 270(A)(3) are hereby amended
3 and reenacted to read as follows:

4 §241. Board to let contract to conduct casino gaming operations; bid specifications;
5 compensation of casino gaming operator; contract renewal

6 A.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the board of
7 directors shall publicly advertise, offer, and let, in accordance with the provisions of
8 this Chapter, a contract to conduct casino gaming operations at a single official
9 gaming establishment to be located upon the site of the Rivergate Convention Center
10 in Orleans Parish. The initial term of the contract and any option to extend or renew
11 the initial term of the contract may not exceed a total of twenty years primary term
12 and one ten-year renewal option except as provided in this Subsection. The contract
13 or renewal option to conduct casino operations shall not be subject to sale, alienation,
14 assignment, or transfer by the casino gaming operator except as provided for in this
15 Chapter.

16 (2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, upon a showing that additional
17 renewals of the casino operating contract will benefit the economy of the state,
18 encourage the continued growth of tourism, and promote the stability of casino
19 operations at the land-based casino, and subject to the approval of any change in
20 terms of the casino operating contract by the Joint Legislative Committee on the
21 Budget, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board may approve and enter into additional
22 thirty-year renewal terms of the casino operating contract, in addition to the initial
23 term and the ten-year renewal term, subject to compliance with the provisions of this
24 Chapter.

25 (3) The first thirty-year renewal term, extending the casino operating
26 contract to July of 2054, shall contain provisions that do all of the following:

27 (a) Require the casino gaming operator to pursue a capital investment on or
28 around the official gaming establishment of three hundred fifty million dollars
29 (\$350,000,000).

1 ~~(d) May lease space on the second floor of the official gaming establishment~~
2 ~~to unaffiliated third parties that shall be permitted to operate no more than two~~
3 ~~restaurants with seating for no more than three hundred fifty persons, in the~~
4 ~~aggregate.~~

5 ~~(e) May directly operate non-casino related businesses on the second floor~~
6 ~~of the casino provided that, other than as provided in Subparagraph (c) of this~~
7 ~~Paragraph, any food for such operation shall be purchased or catered by a third party~~
8 ~~restaurateur or food preparer with purchases at fair market value.~~

9 ~~(f) May lease space to third parties that may operate non-casino related~~
10 ~~businesses on the second floor of the official gaming establishment provided that the~~
11 ~~primary purpose of such business is not a restaurant which shall require that no more~~
12 ~~than thirty-five percent of the revenues of such business shall be derived from the~~
13 ~~sale of food.~~

14 ~~(g) May not offer or advertise complimentary or discounted food offerings~~
15 ~~to the general public within a fifty-mile radius of the official gaming establishment~~
16 ~~and within Louisiana, but may, nonetheless, offer and advertise complimentary or~~
17 ~~discounted food offerings to: (i) a patron that is a member of a customer reward~~
18 ~~system or otherwise maintained on a data base; (ii) a known "high roller" or patrons~~
19 ~~on a junket with established play at the casino or with other casinos; (iii) a person~~
20 ~~that, based upon observed win or loss levels, is eligible to obtain discounted or full~~
21 ~~complimentary food offerings; (iv) a targeted prospective customer outside a fifty-~~
22 ~~mile radius of the official gaming establishment or not within the state, provided that~~
23 ~~no advertising of complimentary or discounted food offerings for such persons shall~~
24 ~~be disseminated to the general public such as on billboards or in the print media; (v)~~
25 ~~a person that has suffered a service error that results in complimentary or discounted~~
26 ~~food offerings to rectify the error in service; or (vi) a vendor or other person visiting~~
27 ~~the official gaming establishment for business or educational purposes. In no event~~
28 ~~shall the casino gaming operator prospect for new customers in this state and within~~
29 ~~a fifty-mile radius of the official gaming establishment through use of~~

1 ~~complimentary or discounted food offerings disseminated through any advertising~~
2 ~~media whether newspaper, television, direct mail, coupons, or billboards.~~

3 ~~(h) May lease space to area restaurant owners and food preparers who may~~
4 ~~offer to provide for food service in a kiosk area, in the official gaming establishment~~
5 ~~provided that all seating for any kiosk area or areas shall be limited to an aggregate~~
6 ~~of one hundred seats which shall be used only for kiosk seating.~~

7 ~~(i) May may have a meeting space for parties, VIP events, and the like but~~
8 ~~shall not rent business meeting space for business seminars and training associated~~
9 ~~with the sale or purchase of rentable units, unless such rentable units are rented at the~~
10 ~~rates established as provided in Subparagraph (C)(2)(b).~~

11 (2) The casino gaming operator, on its own or through an affiliate, shall not
12 provide lodging, except that the casino gaming operator may own or operate ~~offsite~~
13 ~~lodging, which may be physically connected to the official gaming establishment,~~
14 ~~subject to the following conditions:~~ at or in the vicinity of the official gaming
15 establishment consistent with the following conditions and any agreement between
16 the casino gaming operator and the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging
17 Association and its predecessors, as such agreement may be amended from time to
18 time:

19 (a) There shall be no more than four hundred fifty rentable units, and not
20 more than fifteen thousand square feet of meeting space if a hotel is newly
21 constructed or twenty thousand square feet if an existing hotel is purchased or leased
22 that contains such space, from April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2005, provided that after
23 March 31, 2005, additional rentable units may be owned or operated with additional
24 meeting space, only in accordance with any agreement for such increases entered
25 into by and between the casino gaming operator and the Greater New Orleans Hotel-
26 Motel Association and its successors, as such agreement may be amended from time
27 to time.

28 (b) Except as provided in Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph and Paragraph
29 (3)(a) of this Subsection, the casino gaming operator shall not advertise room rates

1 to the general public at below market rates. The casino gaming operator shall base
2 room rates on average seasonal rates for the preceding year of hotels located in the
3 Central Business District and French Quarter of the parish of the official gaming
4 establishment as compiled by a nationally recognized firm that compiles data on
5 room rates for such parish.

6 (c) The casino gaming operator shall not offer complimentary or discounted
7 hotel offerings to the general public, but may, nonetheless, offer complimentary or
8 discounted hotel offerings to: (i) a patron that is a member of the casino gaming
9 operator's or manager's customer reward system or otherwise maintained on the
10 casino gaming operator's or manager's data base; (ii) a known "high roller" or patrons
11 on a junket with established play at the official gaming establishment or with other
12 casinos; (iii) a person that, based upon observed win or loss levels at the casino, is
13 eligible to a discount or full complimentary offerings; (iv) a targeted prospect outside
14 a fifty-mile radius of the official gaming establishment, or not within the state; (v)
15 a person that has suffered a service error that results in a complimentary rate or
16 discount to rectify the error in service; or (vi) a vendor or other person visiting the
17 casino for business or educational purposes.

18 (d) The casino gaming operator shall not advertise to the general public,
19 which does not include those individuals specified in Items (c)(i) through (vi) of this
20 Paragraph, complimentary or discounted hotel rates; however, the casino gaming
21 operator may advertise rooms rented at the rates established in Subparagraph (b) of
22 this Paragraph on billboards outside a fifty-mile radius of the official gaming
23 establishment or on billboards outside of Louisiana. The casino gaming operator
24 may otherwise prospect for new customers through advertising media so long as the
25 pricing for rooms is consistent with the rate structure as set forth in Subparagraph (b)
26 of this Paragraph.

27 ~~(e)~~(3)(a) The casino gaming operator is subject to the requirements of a
28 memorandum of understanding and agreement entered into with the Greater New
29 Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association dated March 2018, which may include an

1 authorization to provide an agreed upon number of additional hotel rooms at a new
2 hotel site, and a memorandum of understanding and agreement entered into with the
3 Louisiana Restaurant Association dated March 2018. Any action related to the
4 enforcement of the memoranda of understanding and agreements shall be instituted
5 in the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. The Louisiana Gaming Control
6 board shall retain jurisdiction over the casino gaming operator's compliance with the
7 provisions of this Chapter and any regulations or rules adopted by the Louisiana
8 Gaming Control Board.

9 (b) Among other things, the memorandum of understanding and agreement
10 with the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association dated March 2018,
11 shall provide for the following:

12 (i) Only for those additional rooms authorized by the memorandum of
13 understanding and agreement dated March 2018, advertising of market rates shall be
14 based on average seasonal rates for the preceding year of luxury hotels in the Central
15 Business District, French Quarter, and Warehouse District of the City of New
16 Orleans, as compiled by a nationally recognized firm.

17 (ii) For rooms existing prior to August 1, 2018, ~~Room~~ room taxes shall be
18 paid by the casino gaming operator on all discounted and complimentary rooms to
19 be paid at the applicable tax rates based upon average seasonal rates for the
20 preceding year of hotels in the Central Business District; and French Quarter of the
21 ~~parish of the official gaming establishment~~ City of New Orleans, as compiled by a
22 nationally recognized firm. Only for those additional hotel rooms authorized by the
23 memorandum of understanding and agreement dated March 2018, room taxes shall
24 be paid by the casino gaming operator on all discounted and complimentary rooms
25 to be paid at the applicable tax rates based upon average seasonal rates for the
26 preceding year of luxury hotels in the Central Business District, French Quarter, and
27 Warehouse District of the City of New Orleans, as compiled by a nationally
28 recognized firm.

1 (3)(a) Daily, the corporation shall transfer to the state treasury for deposit
2 into certain funds in the treasury, as provided in this Paragraph, the amount of net
3 revenues which the corporation determines are surplus to its needs. After first being
4 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund in accordance with Article VII,
5 Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, and after satisfying any other
6 requirements of the Constitution and laws of Louisiana, such net revenues shall be
7 allocated and deposited as follows:

8 ~~(i) In each year for which the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget~~
9 ~~disapproves or does not act upon the amount of the casino support services contract~~
10 ~~as provided in R.S. 27:247 and no monies are deposited in and credited to the Casino~~
11 ~~Support Services Fund: provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.~~

12 (b)(i) Beginning August 1, 2018, up to sixty million dollars per fiscal year
13 shall be allocated as follows:

14 (aa) Ten percent shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education
15 in Louisiana First Fund as provided in R.S. 17:421.7 and shall be used solely and
16 exclusively for the same purposes provided for in Paragraph (B)(1) of that Section.

17 (bb) Ninety percent shall be deposited in and credited to the Support
18 Education in Louisiana First Fund as provided in R.S. 17:421.7.

19 ~~(ii) In each year for which the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget~~
20 ~~approves the amount of the casino support services contract as provided in R.S.~~
21 ~~27:247:~~

22 ~~(aa) The first one million eight hundred thousand dollars shall be deposited~~
23 ~~in and credited to the Casino Support Services Fund.~~

24 ~~(bb) The next sixty million dollars shall be deposited in and credited to the~~
25 ~~Support Education in Louisiana First Fund as provided in R.S. 17:421.7.~~

26 ~~(cc) After satisfying the requirements of Subitems (aa) and (bb) of this Item,~~
27 ~~monies shall be deposited into the Casino Support Services Fund until the casino~~
28 ~~support services contract is fully funded for that year.~~

1 SUBPART P-1. COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT

2 AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS FUND3 §100.81. Community Water Enrichment and Other Improvements Fund

4 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the
5 Community Water Enrichment and Other Improvements Fund, hereinafter referred
6 to as the "fund". The fund shall consist of two accounts: the Water System
7 Enrichment Account and the Other Improvements Account. Subject to appropriation
8 by the legislature, monies in the ~~fund~~ Water System Enrichment Account shall be
9 used solely to fund rehabilitation, improvement, and construction projects for
10 community water systems to provide drinking water to Louisiana's small rural
11 communities. Subject to appropriation by the legislature monies in the Other
12 Improvements Account shall be used by the office of community development solely
13 to provide for a grants program for local governments to assist with capital,
14 infrastructure, and other projects.

15 B. The fund shall consist of monies deposited annually pursuant to R.S.
16 27:270(A)(3)(b)(ii)(bb), with fifty percent to be deposited in and credited to the
17 Water System Enrichment Account and fifty percent to be deposited in and credited
18 to the Other Improvements Account. Further, the fund shall also consist of any other
19 monies appropriated, allocated, or transferred to the fund. Monies in the fund shall
20 be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned
21 on investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Unexpended and
22 unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the
23 fund.

24 Section 3. On the effective date of this Act, the state treasurer shall transfer all
25 monies in the Community Water Enrichment Fund at the close of the prior business day for
26 a one-time deposit and credit to the Water System Enrichment Account within the
27 Community Water Enrichment and Other Improvements Fund.

DIGEST

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HB 583 Engrossed

2018 Regular Session

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Abstract: Provides relative to the casino operating contract for the official gaming establishment located in Orleans Parish and the renewal of such contract.

The present law Louisiana Economic Development and Gaming Corporation Act provides for the creation of the Louisiana Economic Development and Gaming Corporation, the ownership interest of which is vested in the state, which is empowered to enter into contracts for the conducting of casino gaming operations at a single official gaming establishment in Orleans Parish. Pursuant to present law, effective May 1, 1996, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board assumed control of the affairs of the Louisiana Economic Development and Gaming Corporation and all powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, and obligations associated therewith.

Under present law, the term of the contract and any option to extend or renew may not exceed a total of 20 years primary term and one ten-year renewal option.

Proposed law amends present law to authorize the Louisiana Gaming Control Board to enter into additional 30-year renewal terms of the casino operating contract, in addition to the initial 20-year term and the one ten-year renewal term, upon a showing that additional renewals of the casino operating contract will benefit the economy of the state, encourage the continued growth of tourism, and promote the stability of casino operations at the land-based casino, and subject to the approval of any change in terms of the casino operating contract by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Proposed law requires the first 30-year renewal term which extends the casino operating contract to July of 2054, to contain provisions that do all of the following:

- (1) Require the casino gaming operator to pursue a capital investment on or around the official gaming establishment of \$350,000,000.
- (2) Require the casino gaming operator to annually pay directly to the governing authority of the parish where the official gaming establishment is located a sum of money, set forth in the provisions of proposed law, to compensate the parish for the cost to the parish for providing support services resulting from the operation of the official gaming establishment and activities therein.

In this regard, present law requires the La. Gaming Control Board to enter into a contract for casino support services (including but not limited to fire, police, sanitation, health, transportation, and traffic services) with the governing authority of the parish where the official gaming establishment is located in order to compensate the parish for the cost to the parish for providing support services resulting from the operation of the official gaming establishment and the activities therein. The amount of the contract is determined by negotiation and agreement between the La. Gaming Control Board and the parish, subject to approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and is paid from the Casino Support Services Fund, specifically created for this purpose.

Proposed law amends present law to repeal the procedure by which the La. Gaming Control Board pays the governing authority according to the negotiated casino support services contract, and instead provides that beginning on Aug. 1, 2018, the

casino gaming operator shall annually pay the governing authority directly to compensate the parish for providing support services. Beginning Aug. 1, 2018, the annual payment, payable in quarterly installments, shall be equal to \$3,600,000. Beginning on Aug. 1, 2023, this amount shall be adjusted by a rate that is the lesser of two percent or the Consumer Price Index, United States city average for all urban customers (CPI-U), as prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the five calendar years immediately preceding the adjustment, with adjustments being made to this amount in the same manner every five years thereafter.

- (3) Require the casino gaming operator to annually pay to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board a sum of money as set forth in the provisions of proposed law, in addition to the existing present law obligations to remit to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board any fees or compensation.

In this regard, present law provides that effective midnight Mar. 31, 2001, the minimum compensation to be paid by the casino operator to the La. Gaming Control Board shall be the greater of: (i) eighteen and one-half percent of gross revenues or (ii) \$50,000,000 for the casino fiscal year April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002 and \$60,000,000 for each casino fiscal year thereafter.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that, beginning Aug. 1, 2018, in addition to this existing obligation, the casino gaming operator shall annually pay to the La. Gaming Control Board the sum of money equal to \$3,400,000. Beginning on Aug. 1, 2023, this amount shall be adjusted by a rate that is the lesser of two percent or the Consumer Price Index, United States city average for all urban customers (CPI-U), as prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the five calendar years immediately preceding the adjustment, with adjustments being made to this amount in the same manner every five years thereafter.

Present law authorizes the casino gaming operator to operate and conduct certain non-casino gaming activities such as restaurants, cafeteria style food services, catering, special events, and leasing of space at the establishment for certain specified purposes including but not limited to business meetings for outside entities, special events, and parties. Present law further provides certain restrictions on the casino gaming operator relative to such operations and activities, including restrictions on pricing and advertising.

Present law authorizes the casino gaming operator to own or operate offsite lodging which may be physically connected to the official gaming establishment subject to certain conditions and restrictions on the number of rentable units, square footage, advertising, and pricing.

Proposed law amends provisions of present law to provide that beginning Aug. 1, 2018, the casino gaming operator is authorized to conduct certain non-casino related activities at the official gaming establishment or at another location subject to certain requirements as follows:

- (1) The casino gaming operator may have a meeting space for parties, VIP events, and the like but shall not rent business meeting space for business seminars and training associated with the sale or purchase of rentable units, unless such rentable units are rented at the rates based on average seasonal rates for the preceding year of hotels located in the Central Business District and French Quarter of Orleans Parish as compiled by a nationally recognized firm that compiles data on room rates for such parish.
- (2) The casino gaming operator, on its own or through an affiliate, shall not provide lodging, except that the casino gaming operator may own or operate lodging at or in

the vicinity of the official gaming establishment consistent with both of the following:

- (a) Certain conditions provided by proposed law relative to room rates, complimentary and discounted hotel offerings, and advertising.
 - (b) Any agreement between the casino gaming operator and the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association and its predecessors, as such agreement may be amended from time to time.
- (3) The casino gaming operator is subject to the requirements of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and agreement entered into with the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association dated March 2018, which may include an authorization to provide an agreed upon number of additional hotel rooms at a new hotel site, and a MOU and agreement entered into with the La. Restaurant Association dated March 2018.

In this regard, proposed law provides:

- (a) Any action related to the enforcement of the memoranda of understanding and agreement shall be instituted in the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans; and the La. Gaming Control board shall retain jurisdiction over the casino gaming operator's compliance with the provisions of present and proposed law and any regulations or rules adopted by the La. Gaming Control Board.
- (b) The memorandum of understanding and agreement with the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association dated March 2018, shall provide for certain restrictions specified in proposed law, relative to advertising of market rates and room taxes, that apply only to the additional rooms authorized by the MOU and agreement.

Present law requires the corporation, on a daily basis, to transfer to the state treasury for deposit into certain funds in the treasury the amount of net revenues which the corporation determines are surplus to its needs. Further provides that such net revenues shall be deposited as follows:

- (1) In each year for which the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget disapproves or does not act upon the amount of the casino support services contract, no monies are deposited in and credited to the Casino Support Services Fund:
 - (a) 10% shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education in Louisiana First Fund and used solely and exclusively for specific purposes provided in present law.
 - (b) 90% shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education in Louisiana First Fund.
- (2) In each year for which the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget approves the amount of the casino support services contract:
 - (a) The first \$1,800,000 shall be deposited in and credited to the Casino Support Services Fund.
 - (b) The next \$60,000,000 shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education in Louisiana First Fund.

- (c) After satisfying the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) above, monies shall be deposited into the Casino Support Services Fund until the casino support services contract is fully funded for that year.
- (d) After satisfying the requirements of paragraph (c) above, the remainder of the monies shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education in Louisiana First Fund.

In this regard, proposed law amends present law to provide for the allocation and distribution of such net revenues as follows:

- (1) Beginning Aug. 1, 2018, up to \$60,000,000 per fiscal year shall be allocated as follows:
 - (a) 10% shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education in Louisiana First Fund and used solely and exclusively for purposes provided in present law.
 - (b) 90% shall be deposited in and credited to the Support Education in Louisiana First Fund.
- (2) Beginning Aug. 1, 2018, after satisfaction of the requirements of paragraph (1) above, all residual monies shall be allocated in the following order:
 - (a) \$3,600,000 shall be deposited in and credited to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund.
 - (b) Of the monies remaining after satisfaction of the requirements of paragraph (a) above, 50% shall be distributed by the state treasurer to the governing authority of the parish in which the official gaming establishment is located for use in support of capital infrastructure projects, and 50% shall be deposited in and credited to the Community Water Enrichment and Other Improvements Fund as the fund is amended by proposed law.

In this regard, proposed law changes the present law "Community Water Enrichment Fund" to the "Community Water Enrichment and Other Improvements Fund" to be comprised of two accounts, the Water System Enrichment Account and the Other Improvements Account, with each account receiving 50% of the monies deposited from the portion of the net revenues allocated to the Community Water Enrichment and Other Improvements Fund as provided by proposed law. Further provides that monies in the Other Improvements Account shall be used by the office of community development solely to provide for a grants program for local governments to assist with capital, infrastructure, and other projects.

In this regard, proposed law requires the state treasurer, on the effective date of proposed law, to transfer all monies in the Community Water Enrichment Fund at the close of the prior business day for a one-time deposit and credit to the Water System Enrichment Account as created by proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 27:241(A), 241.1, 243(C), 247, and 270(A)(3) and R.S. 39:100.81)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Amend proposed law to provide that the memorandum of understanding between the casino gaming operator and the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association dating March 2018 may include, instead of shall include, an authorization to provide an agreed upon number of additional hotel rooms at a new hotel site.
2. Specify that any action related to the enforcement of memoranda of understanding and agreements shall be instituted in the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.
3. Add changes to provisions of present law which provides for the distribution of certain net revenues into specific funds and which provides for the procedure by which the amount allocated to each fund is determined.