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SB 316 Reengrossed 2018 Regular Session Johns

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 has a portion of its designated gaming area 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 requires quarterly reporting of professional services and employment information to the board, the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice. Specifics what information is to be contained in the report.

Proposed law provides that licensees may not conduct more than four tournaments per year in which the gaming positions utilized for tournament play are not considered part of the licensee's total number of gaming positions. Further provides that such tournaments cannot be more than fourteen days in length.

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 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), 65(B)(15), and 66(B)(1); adds R.S. 27:44(26), 46, 65(B)(16), and 67)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Clarifies the definition of "riverboat" by providing that the facility must have a portion of the designated gaming area within 1,200 feet of the riverboat's licensed berth.
2. Adds that licensees may conduct no more than four tournaments per year in which the gaming positions used for tournament play are not counted as part of the licensee's total number of gaming positions and that such tournaments can take place outside the designated gaming area and cannot be more than fourteen days in length.

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds a provision requiring quarterly reporting of professional services and employment information.
2. Removes proposed law's provision allowing riverboat licensees to conduct certain tournaments outside the designated gaming area which will not be counted as part of the licensee's total number of gaming positions.
3. Makes technical corrections.