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SENATE BILL NO. 196

BY SENATOR MORRELL

GAMING. Authorizes local governments to charge a fee on certain gaming winnings to fund local early childhood programs. (8/1/19)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 27:93.1 and 253, relative to local fees on gaming; to authorize a local
3	governing authority to levy a fee on certain winnings; to provide for the maximum
4	amount of the fee; to provide for the ranking of deductions on winnings; to provide
5	for allocation of the revenue generated; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 27:93.1 and 253 are hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§93.1 Local governing authority fees on winnings
9	A.(1) A local governing authority of the parish or of the municipality in
10	which the licensed berth of a riverboat is located may levy a fee of up to fifty
11	dollars on progressive slot annuities and cash gaming winnings.
12	(2) Any fee levied pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall only
13	apply to payments for which the entity licensed pursuant to this Chapter is
14	required to file Form W-2G, or a substantially equivalent form, with the United
15	States Internal Revenue Service.
16	B. If the licensee determines that the winner of a progressive slot
17	machine annuity or cash gaming winner is a person to whom Subsection A

1	applies, the licensee shall deduct the amount of the fee from the payment of the
2	progressive slot machine annuity or cash gaming winnings. Deducted amounts
3	shall be accumulated by the licensee and remitted on a monthly basis to the
4	local governing authority.
5	C. Deductions pursuant to Subsection B of this Section shall be after any
6	administrative fee and child support arrearages or child support overpayments
7	have been deducted.
8	D. Funds derived from the fee authorized by a local governing authority
9	pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be allocated by the local
10	governing authority to local early childhood programs.
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12	§253. Local governing authority fees on winnings
13	A.(1) A local governing authority of the municipality in which the
14	official gaming establishment is located may levy a fee of up to fifty dollars on
15	progressive slot annuities and cash gaming winnings.
16	(2) Any fee levied pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall only
17	apply to payments for which the entity licensed pursuant to this Chapter is
18	required to file Form W-2G, or a substantially equivalent form, with the United
19	States Internal Revenue Service.
20	B. If the licensee determines that the winner of a progressive slot
21	machine annuity or cash gaming winner is a person to whom Subsection A
22	applies, the licensee shall deduct the amount of the fee from the payment of the
23	progressive slot machine annuity or cash gaming winnings. Deducted amounts
24	shall be accumulated by the licensee and remitted on a monthly basis to the
25	local governing authority.
26	C. Deductions pursuant to Subsection B of this Section shall be after any
27	administrative fee and child support arrearages or child support overpayments
28	have been deducted.
29	D. Funds derived from the fee authorized by a local governing authority

pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be allocated by the local

## governing authority to local early childhood programs.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the local governing authority in which a riverboat or the land-based casino is located to levy a fee of up to \$50 on progressive slot annuities and cash gaming winnings. Provides that <u>proposed law</u> shall only apply to payments for which the licensee is required to file Form W-2G, or a substantially equivalent form, with the United States Internal Revenue Service. A licensee is required to file an IRS Form W-2G on any patron who wins \$600 or more in gambling winnings if the winnings are at least 300 times the amount of the wager. Current licensed riverboats and the land-based casinos are located in the parishes of (or municipalities therein) Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans, and St. Mary.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the licensee shall deduct the amount of the fee from the payment of the progressive slot machine annuity or cash gaming winnings. Requires deducted amounts to be accumulated by the licensee and remitted on a monthly basis to the local governing authority.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that deductions pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> shall be after any administrative fee and any child support arrearages or child support overpayments have been deducted.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that funds derived from the fee shall be allocated by the local governing authority for local early childhood programs.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 27:93.1 and 253)