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SENATE BILL NO. 300

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2	To amend and reenact R.S. 4:714 and 740(A), and to enact R.S. 4:724.1, relative to
3	charitable gaming; to provide relative to restrictions, requirements, transfers, and
4	prohibitions; to provide for operation of machines; to provide relative to gaming time
5	limits; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 4:714 and 740(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8	4:724.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§714. Restrictions; requirements; transfers; prohibitions
10	A. No licensee shall hold, operate, or conduct any game of chance under this
11	Chapter more often than on twenty days in any one calendar month.
12	B. The total amount of prizes which may be awarded in any one session by
13	a licensee shall not exceed four thousand five hundred dollars in cash or other thing
14	or things of value, except as specifically provided in R.S. 4:707(A)(1) and (5), 710,
15	724, 725, 725.1, and 732. The office shall establish by rule the method of calculating
16	the value of any thing offered as a prize.
17	C.B. In addition to the requirement of R.S. 4:712 to display its local license,
18	each licensee shall conspicuously display its charitable gaming license issued by the
19	office at the premises where any game is conducted at all times during such conduct.
20	D.C. Each licensee shall designate an active member and a sufficient number
21	of alternate members of the organization to be in charge of and primarily responsible
22	for each session of a game of chance. Such individual, or alternates, who shall be
23	designated as the member-in-charge, shall supervise all activities of such session and

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be responsible for the conduct of all games of such session. The member-in-charge or alternate shall be present at all times on the premises during the session. In addition, each licensee shall designate an active member of the organization to be responsible for the documentation of receipts and disbursements as well as the maintenance of all financial records. Such individual designated shall have been a member in good standing of the organization and shall be familiar with the provisions of this Chapter, applicable local ordinances and regulations, and the rules and regulations of the office.

E.D. No licensee shall purchase or otherwise obtain any gaming supplies or equipment from any distributor or manufacturer until it has first determined that the individual selling or otherwise offering such supplies or equipment has a valid license issued by the office.

F.E. No licensee shall allow any person under eighteen years of age to assist in the holding, operation, or conduct of any game of chance. Charitable raffles as provided for in R.S. 4:707(D)(2) shall be exempted from requirements of this Subsection.

G.F.(1) All proceeds from each gaming session, other than that amount paid out as cash prizes and that amount retained as a cash bank, shall be deposited into a bank account, known as a charitable gaming account, maintained by the charitable organization solely for such deposits. Such deposits shall occur no later than the second banking day following the date the gaming session begins, but in no case more than five calendar days later.

(2) Any charitable organization may transfer gaming proceeds from its charitable gaming account to any other bank account controlled by the organization, subject to the administrative rules promulgated by the office pursuant to R.S. 4:705(10)(b).

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§724.1. Operation of machines

A.(1) Electronic video bingo machines may be available in any location licensed for charitable bingo.

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l	(2) At commercial locations and non-commercial locations that rent to
2	other charities, the machines may be played only during the times when an
3	organization is licensed with a minimum of one member present on the
4	premises. This time shall not exceed an eight-hour period of time per charity
5	when a game is not being called.
6	B. A violation of the aforementioned provisions result in a civil violation
7	and fine and possible revocation of license.
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9	§740. Session defined
10	A. A session represents authorized games of chance played within a time
11	limit not to exceed six eight consecutive hours, with a minimum of twelve hours
12	between sessions. A session of keno or bingo when the licensee possesses a special
13	license is limited to six consecutive hours. Sessions are limited to not more than one
14	session per calendar day per licensee. Organizations are not allowed to begin their
15	session until the stated time on their license issued by the office.
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17	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
20	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
21	effective on the day following such approval.
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
	APPROVED: