
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the operation of video bingo machines which contain entertainment display features simulating slot reels or card games.

Present law (R.S. 4:724) provides for the operation of electronic video bingo games and provides that an electronic video bingo machine shall not contain entertainment display features simulating slot reels or card games.

Present law further provides that a licensed distributor may operate video bingo machines which are not in compliance with present law under either of the following circumstances:

- (1) The licensed distributor has purchased or entered into a lease agreement for the total number of electronic video bingo machines to be operated at a specific location on or prior to Aug. 15, 2008; or
- (2) The licensed distributor has delivered to the office of charitable gaming or sent by certified mail an application and fees to have machines permitted which has been received and not approved on or prior to Aug. 15, 2008, and the application includes one of the following:
 - (a) Proof of purchase for the total number of machines.
 - (b) A non-refundable deposit of a minimum of 25% of the wholesale purchase price for the total number of machines.
 - (c) A non-refundable deposit on a lease agreement which is equivalent in value to a minimum of 25% of the wholesale purchase price.

Present law provides that electronic video bingo machines authorized by present law may only be placed at one of the following locations:

- (1) A location approved by the office on or prior to Aug. 1, 2008.
- (2) A location for which a completed application with the required fees for the licensing to conduct charitable gaming at a specific location has been received by the office on or prior to Aug. 15, 2008. However, such locations shall have received final approval from the office and must be occupied by Aug. 15, 2009.

Proposed law removes the present law conditions for a person who is licensed as a distributor to operate electronic video bingo machines which are not in compliance with the provisions of present law (R.S. 4:724(B)(5)).

(Amends R.S. 4:724(J) and (K))