



1 agreement approved by the office for the total number of electronic video bingo  
2 machines to be placed at a specific location and the electronic video bingo machines  
3 have been permitted by the office and placed at a location which has been approved  
4 by the office on or prior to ~~August 15, 2008~~, or **June 1, 2022**.

5 (b) The licensed distributor has delivered to the office or has sent by certified  
6 mail an application with the required fees to have electronic video bingo machines  
7 permitted, which application has been received, but not approved by the office on or  
8 prior to ~~August 15, 2008~~, **June 1, 2022**, and the application includes one of the  
9 following:

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11 (2) Electronic video bingo machines authorized by the provisions of this  
12 Subsection shall only be placed at one of the following locations:

13 (a) A location which has been approved by the office on or prior to ~~August~~  
14 ~~15, 2008~~, or **June 1, 2022**.

15 (b) A location for which a completed application with the required fees for  
16 the licensing to conduct charitable gaming at a specific location has been received  
17 by the office on or prior to ~~August 15, 2008~~. **June 1, 2022**. However, locations  
18 which have not been approved by the office prior to ~~August 15, 2008~~, **June 1, 2022**,  
19 but for which an application has been timely filed as provided by this Subparagraph,  
20 shall have received final approval from the office and must be occupied by ~~August~~  
21 ~~15, 2009~~, **June 1, 2022**, in order to operate electronic video bingo machines which  
22 are not in compliance with the provisions of R.S. 4:724(B)(5).

23 K. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary, any  
24 electronic video bingo machine authorized pursuant to Subsection J of this Section  
25 which is destroyed or rendered inoperable in any manner may be replaced by an  
26 electronic video bingo machine of a similar make and model which is not in  
27 compliance with the provisions of R.S. 4:724(B)(5) even if ~~such~~ **the** replacement  
28 electronic video bingo machine was purchased after ~~August 15, 2008~~. **June 1, 2022**.

29 **L. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary,**

1           if the physical location in which the charitable gaming organization operates  
 2           electronic or video bingo machines is destroyed or damaged as a result of a  
 3           natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe, or such other  
 4           occurrence over which the organization has no control, then the office shall  
 5           allow for a replacement location to be permitted in accordance with local zoning  
 6           laws.

7           Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides for operation of electronic video bingo machines, including a prohibition that an electronic video bingo machine shall not contain entertainment display features simulating slot reels or card games.

Present law 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 August 15, 2008.
- (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 August 15, 2008, and the application includes either a proof of purchase or a non-refundable deposit.

Proposed law expands the exception to include machines which were purchased or leased on or prior to June 1, 2022.

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

- (1) A location approved by the office on or prior to August 15, 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 of charitable gaming on or prior to August 15, 2008, and which has received final approval from the office and was occupied by August 15, 2009.

Proposed law expands the exception to include a location approved by the office of charitable gaming or for which a completed application with the required fees was received prior to June 1, 2022.

Present law provides that any electronic video bingo machine which is destroyed or rendered inoperable in any manner may be replaced by an electronic video bingo machine of a similar make and model which is not in compliance with present law even if the replacement

electronic video bingo machine was purchased after August 15, 2008.

Proposed law expands present law to allow replacement machines which were purchased or leased on or prior to June 1, 2022.

Proposed law provides that if the physical location in which the charitable gaming organization operates electronic or video bingo machines is destroyed or damaged as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe, or such other occurrence over which the organization has no control, then the office of charitable gaming shall allow for a replacement location to be permitted in accordance with local zoning laws.

Effective July 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 4:724(J)(1)(a), 724(J)(1)(b)(intro para), 724(J)(2), and (K); adds R.S. 4:724(L))