

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

GAMING: Provides with respect to the issuance of non-gaming supplier permits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:29.3(A) and (B)(1)(b) and (2) and to repeal R.S. 27:29.3(F),
3 relative to non-gaming supplier permits; to provide relative to findings of suitability;
4 to provide for contracting of goods and services; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 27:29.3(A) and (B)(1)(b) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted
7 to read as follows:

8 §29.3. ~~Non-gaming supplier permit~~ Employee training; supplier suitability

9 A.(1) ~~The division shall issue a non-gaming supplier permit to suitable~~
10 ~~persons who furnish services or goods and receive compensation or remuneration for~~
11 ~~such goods or services to the holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:44 or 353, or~~
12 ~~the casino gaming operator, or a sports wagering operator as defined in R.S. 27:602.~~
13 ~~The board shall promulgate rules establishing the threshold amount of goods and~~
14 ~~services for which a non-gaming supplier permit is required. The board may limit~~
15 ~~the calculation of compensation or remuneration based on goods and services related~~
16 ~~to operations in Louisiana. Such services include but are not limited to industries~~
17 ~~offering goods or services whether or not directly related to gaming activity,~~
18 ~~including junket operators and limousine services contracting with the holder of a~~
19 ~~license as defined in R.S. 27:44 or 353, or the casino gaming operator, or a sports~~

1 ~~wagering operator as defined in R.S. 27:602, suppliers of food and nonalcoholic~~
2 ~~beverages, gaming employee or dealer training schools, garbage handlers, vending~~
3 ~~machine providers, linen suppliers, or maintenance companies.~~ Any employee or
4 dealer training school, other than employee or training schools conducted by a
5 licensee, or the casino gaming operator, shall be conducted at an institution approved
6 by the Board of Regents or the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

7 (2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, furnishes services or goods to the
8 holder of a license as defined in R.S. 27:44 or 353, the casino gaming operator, or
9 a sports wagering operator as defined in R.S. 27:602, regardless of the dollar amount
10 of the goods and services furnished or who has a business association with the holder
11 of a license as defined in R.S. 27:44 or 353, the casino operator, or a sports wagering
12 operator as defined in R.S. 27:602; is subject to the jurisdiction of the board and
13 division and may be found unsuitable. Therefore, any such person may be required
14 by the board or division, where applicable, to be found suitable ~~or apply for a non-~~
15 ~~gaming supplier permit~~ and be required to reimburse the board and division for any
16 reasonable costs incurred, not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars. Failure to
17 supply all information required by the board or division, where applicable, may
18 result in a finding of unsuitability ~~or denial of a non-gaming supplier permit.~~

19 B.(1) The division may waive any person or field of commerce from the
20 requirements of this Subsection if the division determines either of the following:

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22 (b) That ~~permitting~~ submitting to suitability is not advisable or necessary in
23 order to protect the public interest or to accomplish the policies established by this
24 Section.

25 (2) ~~Any non-gaming supplier required to obtain a non-gaming supplier~~
26 ~~permit, other than those listed in Subsection E of this Section may request a waiver~~
27 ~~of the necessity of obtaining a non-gaming supplier permit. The division may grant~~
28 ~~such a request upon a showing of good cause by the non-gaming supplier.~~ No entity
29 holding a license to conduct gaming operations under this Title shall contract for the

1 provision of goods or services with any person in their employ who holds a key-
2 gaming employee permit as defined in R.S. 27:3.

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4 Section 2. R.S. 27:29.3(F) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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HB 151 Engrossed

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Abstract: Eliminates the requirement that a non-gaming supplier obtain a permit when doing business with casino operators.

Present law provides that a non-gaming supplier may be required by the La. Gaming Control Board to be found suitable or obtain a non-gaming supplier permit when providing non-gaming goods or services to a casino gaming operator or sports wagering operator.

Proposed law removes the provisions applicable to the non-gaming supplier permit and retains present law regarding the finding of suitability.

Proposed law provides that a gaming operator who is found unsuitable may be required to reimburse the board and division for reasonable costs up to \$250.

Proposed law provides that no gaming operator licensee shall contract for goods or services with any employee who holds a key-gaming employee permit.

(Amends R.S. 27:29.3(A) and (B)(1)(b) and (2); Repeals R.S. 27:29.3(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Specify that gaming operators are subject to the jurisdiction of the La. Gaming Control Board and the state police gaming division.
2. Add that a gaming operator who is found unsuitable may be required to reimburse the board and division for reasonable costs up to \$250.