

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 181

BY SENATOR FOIL

CHARITABLE GAMING. Provides for nonprofit healthcare organizations to hold and operate a license for certain games of chance. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:707(E)(5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) and to enact R.S. 4:707(E)(10)
3 and (H)(5), relative to charitable raffles, bingo, and keno licensing; to provide for
4 authorization to license certain organizations; to provide for definitions; to provide
5 for exceptions, to provide for notice; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 4:707(E)(5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) are hereby amended and reenacted
8 and R.S. 4:707(E)(10) and (H)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §707. Authorization to license certain organizations; exemption; requirement for
10 state license

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12 E. In addition to the provisions of R.S. 4:703, the following definitions shall
13 apply for the purposes of this Section:

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15 (5) **"Nonprofit healthcare organization" shall mean any organization**
16 **that provides healthcare services, together with its parent organization,**
17 **affiliates, subsidiaries and foundations, that is licensed or chartered in this state**

1 **and is exempt from federal and state taxation pursuant to the Internal Revenue**
2 **Code and applicable provisions of Louisiana law.**

3 (6) "Parent-teacher association" shall mean an organization which is
4 comprised of teachers and parents of children enrolled in a public or a private
5 nonprofit elementary or secondary school in this state and which has been designated
6 by the school board of the parish or city in which such school is located to collect
7 funds in the name of that school.

8 ~~(6)~~(7) "Private nonprofit elementary or secondary school" includes every
9 nonprofit private elementary or secondary school within the state of Louisiana.

10 ~~(7)~~(8) "Public elementary or secondary school" includes every public
11 elementary or secondary school within the state of Louisiana.

12 ~~(8)~~(9) "Public institution of higher education" includes every in-state public
13 graduate and undergraduate institution, public junior and community college, public
14 technical institute, and each separate school or department of the institution, college,
15 or institute when the entire net proceeds are devoted to support the institution.

16 ~~(9)~~(10) "Volunteer fire company" shall mean an organization which has been
17 engaged by the governing authority of a parish, municipality, or fire protection
18 district to provide fire protection services to the area of this state under its
19 jurisdiction and which is comprised predominantly of individuals who provide such
20 services voluntarily and without compensation.

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22 H.(1) * * *

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24 **(5) Notwithstanding Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, a**
25 **nonprofit healthcare organization shall not be required to obtain a license in**
26 **order to hold, operate, or conduct a game of chance as provided in Subsection**
27 **A of this Section, but the organization conducting such game of chance shall**
28 **annually notify the office of charitable gaming of the names of such**
29 **organizations. The nonprofit healthcare organization shall not be required to**

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obtain any license as described in Subsection B of this Section.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides for definitions relative to the licensing of certain organizations to conduct charitable raffles, bingo, and keno.

Proposed law adds the definition of "nonprofit healthcare organization" to mean any organization that provides healthcare services, together with their parent organizations, affiliates, subsidiaries and foundations, that is licensed or chartered in this state and is exempt from federal and state taxation pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and applicable provisions of Louisiana law.

Proposed law provides that a nonprofit healthcare organization not be required to obtain a license in order to hold, operate or conduct a game of chance as defined in present law, but the organization conducting such game of chance is required to annually notify the office of charitable gaming of the names of such organizations.

Proposed law provides that the nonprofit healthcare organization not be required to obtain any license as described in present law, from a governing authority of any municipality or parish.

Effective August 1, 2026

(Amends R.S. 4:707(E)(5), (6), (7), (8) and (9); adds R.S. 4:707(E)(10) and (H)(5))