

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 641

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUILLORY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:30.6(D), (G), (I)(4), (J), and (L), relative to the central
3 computer system for monitoring of electronic gaming devices; to remove the
4 requirement that the central computer be located within the Department of Public
5 Safety and Corrections, office of state police, gaming division; to provide for
6 technical corrections; to provide relative to legislative approval of fees to defray the
7 costs of administering the central computer system; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 27:30.6(D), (G), (I)(4), (J), and (L) are hereby amended and
11 reenacted to read as follows:

12 §30.6. Electronic gaming devices; central computer system

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14 D. The central computer system authorized by the provisions of this Section
15 shall be designed and operated to allow the monitoring and reading of electronic
16 gaming devices on licensed riverboats and at live racing facilities for the purposes
17 of maintaining the security and integrity of the devices and the integrity of the
18 information reported to the system, so that the fiscal responsibility of the licensees
19 with regard to their obligations to the state will be ensured. The central computer
20 system authorized by the provisions of this Section shall be ~~located within and~~

1 administered by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state
2 police, gaming division.

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4 G. The central computer system shall not provide for the monitoring or
5 reading of personal or financial information concerning patrons of gaming activities
6 conducted on a riverboat or at live racing facilities.

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8 I. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police,
9 shall impose and collect an annual fee not in excess of fifty dollars on each electronic
10 gaming device linked by telecommunication to the central computer system as
11 provided by this Section. The purpose of the fee shall be to defray the costs to the
12 state of acquiring, implementing, and maintaining the central computer system as
13 provided for in this Section. The annual fee shall be established in an amount which
14 will generate an amount of funds in each fiscal year which is equal to the projected
15 cost of administering the system for that fiscal year. No additional fee shall be
16 imposed with respect to the central computer system. This fee shall be in addition
17 to any other fee provided for by this Chapter. The fee shall be subject to the
18 following provisions:

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20 (4) ~~No~~ If the amount of the proposed fee exceeds by fifty percent the fee
21 imposed during the prior year or the sum of twenty-five dollars, the fee shall not be
22 imposed or collected unless the legislative committees with jurisdiction over gaming
23 matters as provided by legislative rule have found that the information and
24 documentation submitted by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office
25 of state police, is sufficient to justify the amount of the proposed fee and those
26 committees have affirmatively approved the amount of the proposed fee.

27 J. The telecommunication between electronic gaming devices on licensed
28 riverboats and at live racing facilities and the central computer system shall be in
29 continuous operation at all times.

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1 L. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to persons licensed pursuant
 2 to the provisions of the Video Draw Poker Devices Control Law as provided for in
 3 Chapter ~~6~~ 8 of this Title or to the casino gaming operator.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____