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DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> provides for the authority of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (the board) to regulate all gaming activities and operations in the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> and otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> defines "designated gaming area" as that portion of a riverboat in which gaming activities may be conducted. <u>Present law</u> further provides that the designated gaming area may not exceed 60% of the total square footage of the passenger access area of the vessel or 30,000 square feet, whichever is lesser.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the designated gaming area may not exceed 2,365 gaming positions and otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "gaming position" as a seat at a gaming device or a space at a table game with each device seat counted as one position and each space at a table game counted as one position, subject to the rules and regulations of the board. <u>Proposed law</u> specifically requires the board to provide by rule for the counting of gaming positions for devices and games where seats are not readily countable.

Present law requires a riverboat to be paddlewheel driven.

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes <u>present law</u> requirement and provides that a riverboat does not have to have an operable paddlewheel or be paddlewheel driven.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds a facility that is approved by the board and has a portion of its designated gaming area located within 1,200 feet of a riverboat's licensed berth to the definition of "riverboat". Further provides for the inspection of such facilities.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that licensees may not conduct more than four tournaments per year in which the gaming positions utilized for tournament play are not considered part of the licensee's total number of gaming positions. Further provides that such tournaments may be conducted outside of the designated gaming area and cannot be more than fourteen days in length.

Effective August 1, 2018.

⁽Amends R.S. 27:15(B)(8)(b), 44(4) and (14) through (25), 65(B)(15), and 66(B)(1); adds R.S. 27:44(26) and 65(B)(16))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

- 1 Clarifies the definition of "riverboat" by providing that the facility must have a portion of the designated gaming area within 1,200 feet of the riverboat's licensed berth.
- 2. Adds that licensees may conduct no more than four tournaments per year in which the gaming positions used for tournament play are not counted as part of the licensee's total number of gaming positions and that such tournaments can take place outside the designated gaming area and cannot be more than fourteen days in length.