



1           WHEREAS, operation fees will be due on April 10, 2020, for the second quarter of  
2 2020, at a time when video draw poker devices are not allowed to operate, and depending  
3 on the success of the measures taken to address the health and safety of the public, the  
4 restriction on the operation of video draw poker devices may be further extended; and

5           WHEREAS, to help businesses that complied with the governor's executive order  
6 financially survive the COVID-19 pandemic for the period of time when video draw poker  
7 establishments were required to cease operations and to prevent business owners from  
8 having to pay a fee for the operation of video draw poker devices, it is necessary to  
9 temporarily suspend operational fees on video draw poker devices.

10           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends  
11 the provisions of R.S. 27:435(A)(5).

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon  
13 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through September 30, 2020.

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DIGEST

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Suspends until Oct. 1, 2020, the provisions of R.S. 27:435(A)(5), the payment of device operation fees by owners of video draw poker devices.

Present law (R.S. 27:435(A)(5)) provides for an annual fee on video draw poker devices, per device, based on the licensed establishment where the device is located. Provides for the following fees for devices located at a licensed establishment that is:

- (1) A restaurant, bar, tavern, cocktail lounge, club, motel, or hotel - \$250.
- (2) A race track - \$1,250.
- (3) An offtrack wagering facility - \$1,000.
- (4) A qualified truck stop facility - \$1,000.

Present law authorizes the payment of operation fees to be made quarterly, due by the tenth day of the first month of each calender quarter.

Suspends present law until Oct. 1, 2020.

(Suspends R.S. 27:435(A)(5))