

SENATE BILL NO. 300

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:714 and 740(A), and to enact R.S. 4:724.1, relative to
3 charitable gaming; to provide relative to restrictions, requirements, transfers, and
4 prohibitions; to provide for operation of machines; to provide relative to gaming time
5 limits; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 4:714 and 740(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 4:724.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §714. Restrictions; requirements; transfers; prohibitions

10 A. ~~No licensee shall hold, operate, or conduct any game of chance under this~~
11 ~~Chapter more often than on twenty days in any one calendar month.~~

12 ~~B.~~ The total amount of prizes which may be awarded in any one session by
13 a licensee shall not exceed four thousand five hundred dollars in cash or other thing
14 or things of value, except as specifically provided in R.S. 4:707(A)(1) and (5), 710,
15 724, 725, 725.1, and 732. The office shall establish by rule the method of calculating
16 the value of any thing offered as a prize.

17 ~~C.~~B. In addition to the requirement of R.S. 4:712 to display its local license,
18 each licensee shall conspicuously display its charitable gaming license issued by the
19 office at the premises where any game is conducted at all times during such conduct.

20 ~~D.~~C. Each licensee shall designate an active member and a sufficient number
21 of alternate members of the organization to be in charge of and primarily responsible
22 for each session of a game of chance. Such individual, or alternates, who shall be
23 designated as the member-in-charge, shall supervise all activities of such session and

1 be responsible for the conduct of all games of such session. The member-in-charge
 2 or alternate shall be present at all times on the premises during the session. In
 3 addition, each licensee shall designate an active member of the organization to be
 4 responsible for the documentation of receipts and disbursements as well as the
 5 maintenance of all financial records. Such individual designated shall have been a
 6 member in good standing of the organization and shall be familiar with the
 7 provisions of this Chapter, applicable local ordinances and regulations, and the rules
 8 and regulations of the office.

9 ~~E.D.~~ No licensee shall purchase or otherwise obtain any gaming supplies or
 10 equipment from any distributor or manufacturer until it has first determined that the
 11 individual selling or otherwise offering such supplies or equipment has a valid
 12 license issued by the office.

13 ~~F.E.~~ No licensee shall allow any person under eighteen years of age to assist
 14 in the holding, operation, or conduct of any game of chance. Charitable raffles as
 15 provided for in R.S. 4:707(D)(2) shall be exempted from requirements of this
 16 Subsection.

17 ~~G.F.~~(1) All proceeds from each gaming session, other than that amount paid
 18 out as cash prizes and that amount retained as a cash bank, shall be deposited into a
 19 bank account, known as a charitable gaming account, maintained by the charitable
 20 organization solely for such deposits. Such deposits shall occur no later than the
 21 second banking day following the date the gaming session begins, but in no case
 22 more than five calendar days later.

23 (2) Any charitable organization may transfer gaming proceeds from its
 24 charitable gaming account to any other bank account controlled by the organization,
 25 subject to the administrative rules promulgated by the office pursuant to R.S.
 26 4:705(10)(b).

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28 **§724.1. Operation of machines**

29 **A.(1) Electronic video bingo machines may be available in any location**
 30 **licensed for charitable bingo.**

