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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Amends the definition of video draw poker and provides relative to the operation of games offered by video draw poker devices and other such card games.

Present law defines "video draw poker" as any card game approved by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, that utilizes one deck of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.

Proposed law amends the present law definition of "video draw poker device" to include one or more decks of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.

Present law provides that each video draw poker device shall offer the game of draw poker or other such card games that are approved by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, and have certain methods of operations as provided by present law.

Present law requires each hand to utilize a deck of cards consisting of 52 standard playing cards, and up to two jokers may also be used. Requires the deck to be shuffled by use of a random number generator to exchange each card in the deck with another randomly selected card.

Proposed law amends present law to require each hand to utilize one or more decks of cards consisting of 52 standard playing cards each, and up to two jokers per deck may also be used. The decks shall be shuffled by use of a random number generator to exchange each card in a deck with another randomly selected card.

(Amends R.S. 27:402(18) and 405(C)(1)-(5))