2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 637

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

GAMING: Provides relative to charitable gaming

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact R.S. 4:710(A), relative to charitable gaming; to increase the |
| 3 | frequency of bingo games; and to provide for related matters. |
| 4 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 5 | Section 1. R.S. 4:710(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: |
| 6 | §710. Issuance of special licenses |
| 7 | A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, the |
| 8 | office may provide by rule for the issuance of a special license for the conduct of no |
| 9 | more than two bingo sessions annually one bingo session per calendar quarter at |
| 10 | which the total amount of prizes which may be awarded on any one calendar day |
| 11 | under such a license shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars in cash or other |
| 12 | thing or things of value. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, all other |
| 13 | provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the issuance of such special licenses. |
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the frequency of charitable bingo games.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the office of charitable gaming within the Dept. of Revenue may provide issuances of a special license for the conduct of no more than two bingo sessions annually.

<u>Present law</u> also provides that the total amount of prizes that could be awarded on any one calendar day under the license cannot exceed \$25,000 in cash or other thing or things of value.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but changes the frequency of bingo sessions <u>from</u> two bingo sessions annually <u>to</u> one per calendar quarter.

(Amends R.S. 4:710(A))