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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that children's charities shall be allowed to conduct charitable gaming.

Proposed law defines "children's charity".

Present law provides that municipalities and parishes shall decide whether to allow charitable raffles, bingo, and keno.

Proposed law provides that children's charities shall be allowed to conduct charitable raffles, bingo, and keno, and prohibits a municipality or parish from denying or revoking a charitable organization's license.

Proposed law provides that children's charities may conduct consecutive eight-hour keno, bingo, and video bingo sessions in a 24-hour period.

Proposed law provides that no other law shall prohibit a children's charity from acquiring and operating keno, bingo, and video bingo locations and equipment.

Proposed law exempts children's charities from permitting requirements and local taxes, except for tangible products sold.

Proposed law provides that a commercial hall owner who breaches a contract with or illegally evicts a children's charity shall have its license revoked.

Proposed law provides for the equipment that customers may use to cash out while playing keno, bingo, or video bingo.

Proposed law provides that a non-charitable distributor may only acquire another non-charitable distributor's location or machines if the distributor sells machines at that location.

Proposed law creates the crime of theft of bingo proceeds and provides that any employee who is convicted of theft of bingo proceeds over \$2,500 shall be imprisoned for not less than one year at hard labor and return all stolen proceeds.

Directs the La. State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 4:703 and to correct any cross-references that may need to be changed as a result of this renumbering.

(Amends R.S. 4:703(9), 706(A), (B), and (C)(1); Adds R.S. 4:703(11) and 706.1 and R.S. 14:90.9)