
DIGEST

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HB No. 446

Abstract: Prohibits net gaming proceeds from benefitting anyone associated or affiliated with a charitable gaming licensee.

Present law provides for the licensing and conducting of charitable gaming activities.

Present law provides for violations and criminal penalties for committing violations of the charitable gaming law.

Proposed law adds that it shall be unlawful for any person associated or affiliated with a charitable gaming licensee to benefit from any part of the net gaming proceeds of that charitable gaming licensee and provides penalties for violating proposed law provisions. The penalties include a fine of not more than \$5,000, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than one year, or both.

Provides that proposed law shall not apply to a contribution or disbursement of net gaming proceeds made to, or for the direct benefit of, a group or activity provided that both of the following occur:

- (1) The contribution or disbursement is used for legitimate charitable gaming purposes.
- (2) Not more than 1/2 of the participants of the group or activity receiving the contribution are members or immediate family members of members of the charitable gaming licensee making the contribution or disbursement.

Proposed law shall not be construed to limit or impair the payment of compensation to bingo workers for working bingo games.

(Adds R.S. 4:735(D))