

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 445 by Representative Lopinto

GAMBLING/VIDEO POKER: Authorizes video draw poker device owners to hold franchise payments in trust until franchise payment is remitted to the state

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds technical amendment to conditionally direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate proposed law.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law authorizes the operation of video draw poker devices and provides for the remission of franchise payments to the state for the operation of those devices.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the franchise payment authorized by present law shall be held by the device owner on behalf of the state of La., until such time as the franchise payment is remitted to and received by the division. Any franchise payment held in accordance with proposed law shall be deemed to be held in trust for the state of La.

Proposed law further provides that upon failure of a device owner to remit any portion of the franchise payment to the division, the device owner and its shareholders, officers, and directors if a corporation, its partners if a partnership, and its members, managers, and managing members if a limited liability company, shall be jointly and severally liable to the state of La. for the franchise payment until it is remitted to and received by the division.

Further provides that the gaming control board shall adopt rules to implement proposed law.

Directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate proposed law in this Act to the appropriate cites in the proposed recodification of the law on video draw poker devices (Senate Bill No. 575 of the 2012 Regular Session) in the event that Senate Bill No. 575 becomes law.

(Adds R.S. 27:311(D)(5) and (6))