

**(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)**

**TAX/GAMING: Dedicates a portion of the state tax on riverboats collected in Bossier and Caddo parishes.**

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DIGEST

Present law (R.S. 27:91) provides for certain fees on riverboat gaming licensees including:

- (1) A license fee of 3.5% of net gaming proceeds.
- (2) A franchise fee of 15% of net gaming proceeds.
- (3) An additional franchise fee of 3% of net gaming proceeds.

Present law requires that the fees on riverboat gaming licensees be deposited into the Compulsive Problem and Gaming Fund, the state general fund, the Support Education in La. First Fund (the SELF Fund), and the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund.

Present law requires that the franchise fee of 15% of net riverboat gaming proceeds be deposited into the state general fund, excluding 9% of the 15% which is to be deposited into the SELF Fund.

Proposed law retains present law on revenues deposited into the Compulsive Problem and Gaming Fund and the SELF Fund.

Present law requires that 9% of the license fee of 3.5% of net riverboat gaming proceeds be deposited into the SELF Fund.

Present law creates the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund and provides that an amount equal to the revenues received from riverboat gaming proceeds less certain monies credited to the Compulsive and Problem Gaming Fund, the SELF Fund, and the state general fund.

Proposed law retains present law and further adds monies credited to the Caddo-Bossier Economic Development and Tourism Fund pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2023, 8% of the net gaming proceeds generated from the licence fee and franchise fees attributable to any riverboat gaming licensee in Caddo Parish or Bossier Parish not in operation prior to July 1, 2012, which subsequently begins operation on or after July 1, 2012, be dedicated to the Caddo-Bossier Economic Development and Tourism Fund.

Proposed law further provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not be implemented unless the riverboat gaming licensee in Caddo Parish or Bossier Parish not in operation prior to July 1, 2012, which subsequently begins operation on or after July 1, 2012, meets the following criteria:

- (1) Has capital investment of no less than \$90 million.
- (2) Operates facility with no less than 300 hotel rooms.
- (3) Operates a facility with no less than 2,500 square feet of meeting and convention space.
- (4) Operates a gaming facility with no less than 25,000 square feet.
- (5) Creates no fewer than 1,000 new jobs.

Proposed law further provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not be implemented until the revenue from riverboat gaming licensees in Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish in a fiscal year is more than the three-year average annual revenues from riverboat gaming licensees in Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish for Fiscal Years 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011.

Proposed law creates the Caddo-Bossier Economic Development and Tourism Fund and further provides that monies deposited into the fund attributable to riverboat gaming license and franchise fees paid in Caddo Parish or Bossier Parish as provided in proposed law shall be appropriated as follows:

- (1) 45% to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission. Provides that no less than 15% of the funds received shall be allocated for promotion and support of sporting events advancing diversity, including but not limited to, the Port City Classic and other such sporting events.
- (2) 45% to the Independence Bowl Foundation, Inc.
- (3) 1.5% to the Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, Inc.
- (4) 1.5% to the Shreveport-Caddo Economic Development Authority.
- (5) 1% to the North La. Economic Partnership.
- (6) 2% to the North Caddo Medical Center in Vivian.
- (7) 2% to the Northeast La. Economic Alliance.
- (8) 2% to the Louisiana Coalition for Accessible and Sustainable Healthcare.

Proposed law provides that such appropriation shall occur only after certification from the treasurer that the fund balance is sufficient to fully fund the appropriation and in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the revenues were collected.

Proposed law further provides that any entity appropriated monies from the fund shall report annually to the secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on the expenditures made with the monies received and the economic impact of the expenditures made with the monies received.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 27:92(B)(2)(b)(i) and (c); Adds R.S. 27:92(B)(2)(d) and (D))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Reduced the percentage of monies appropriated out of the Caddo-Bossier Economic Development and Tourism Fund to the Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, Inc. from 5% to 2.5%.
2. Added the Shreveport-Caddo Economic Development Authority as an entity to which monies from the Caddo-Bossier Economic Development and Tourism Fund are appropriated.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the reengrossed bill

1. Changes the amount directed to the Caddo-Bossier Economic Development and Tourism Fund from 8% of each franchise fee and 8% of the license fee to 8% of the net gaming proceeds paid from the combined total of the license and franchise fees.
2. Requires a portion of the allocation appropriated to the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission to the promotion and support of sporting events that advance diversity.
3. Adds the North Caddo Medical Center in Vivian and the Louisiana Coalition for Accessible and Sustainable Healthcare as recipients of the avails from the special fund.
4. Changes the percentage of appropriation from the special fund to certain entities.