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SENATE BILL NO. 394

BY SENATOR CARTER

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Provides relative to unlawful playing of gaming devices by persons under the age of 21. (8/1/16)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 14:90.5(B), relative to the crime of unlawful playing of gaming
3	devices by persons under the age of twenty-one; to provide relative to the elements
4	of the crime; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 14:90.5(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§90.5. Unlawful playing of gaming devices by persons under the age of twenty-one;
8	underage persons, penalty
9	* * *
10	B. No person under the age of twenty-one, except an emergency responder
11	acting in his official capacity, shall enter, or be permitted to enter, the designated
12	gaming area of a riverboat, the designated gaming area of the official gaming
13	establishment, or the designated slot machine gaming area of a pari-mutuel wagering
14	facility which offers live horse racing licensed for operation and regulated under the
15	applicable provisions of Chapters 4, 5, and 7 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised
16	Statutes of 1950.
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<u>Present law</u> provides that it is unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to play casino games, gaming devices, or slot machines.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a person under the age of 21 is not allowed to enter, or be permitted to enter, the designated gaming area of a riverboat, the official gaming establishment, or the designated slot machine gaming area of a pari-mutuel wagering facility that offers live horse racing licensed for operation and regulated under the applicable provisions of <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but makes clear that the prohibition of <u>present law</u> applies to the entire gaming area of an official gaming establishment, but not to the non-gaming areas of the establishment.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 14:90.5(B))