

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 614

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

GAMBLING/CHARITABLE: Provides relative to charitable gaming

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:714(C), 715(A)(7), and 740(A) and to enact R.S. 4:718(H),
3 relative to charitable gaming; to provide relative to the conducting and regulation of
4 charitable gaming; to provide for requirements for certain members of the charitable
5 organization; to provide for licensure requirements; to provide for sessions; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 4:714(C), 715(A)(7) and 740(A) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 and R.S. 4:718(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §714. Restrictions; requirements; transfers; prohibitions

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12 C.(1) Each licensee shall designate an active member and a sufficient
13 number of alternate members of the organization to be in charge of and primarily
14 responsible for each session of a game of chance. Such individual, or alternates, who
15 shall be designated as the member-in-charge, shall supervise all activities of such
16 session and be responsible for the conduct of all games of such session. The
17 member-in-charge or alternate shall be present at all times on the premises during the
18 session. ~~In addition, each~~ The provisions of this Paragraph shall only apply to call
19 bingo sessions.

1 (2) Each licensee shall designate an active member of the organization to be
 2 responsible for the documentation of receipts and disbursements as well as the
 3 maintenance of all financial records. Such individual designated shall have been a
 4 member in good standing of the organization and shall be familiar with the
 5 provisions of this Chapter, applicable local ordinances and regulations, and the rules
 6 and regulations of the office.

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8 §715. Personnel to hold games; commissions or salaries; equipment and supplies;
 9 expenses

10 A.

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12 (7) No lease providing for a rental arrangement for premises or equipment
 13 shall provide for payment in excess of the reasonable market rental rate for such
 14 premises or equipment and in no case shall any payment be based on a percentage
 15 of gross receipts or profits derived from a game of chance, including video bingo
 16 machines.

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18 §718. Licensure

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20 H. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, the
 21 office shall make no requirement as to the length of time an organization has been
 22 domiciled in Louisiana for the purpose of permitting a charitable gaming license.

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24 §740. Session defined

25 A. A session represents authorized games of chance played within a time
 26 limit not to exceed eight consecutive hours, ~~with a minimum of twelve hours~~
 27 ~~between sessions.~~ A licensee may operate at an unlimited number of premises for the
 28 purpose of charitable gaming activities, however each licensee may only have one
 29 session at each premise per twelve hour period. A session of keno or bingo when the

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1 licensee possesses a special license is limited to six consecutive hours. Sessions are
 2 limited to not more than one session per calendar day per licensee. Organizations
 3 are not allowed to begin their session until the stated time on their license issued by
 4 the office.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to charitable gaming, provides for requirements for certain members of the charitable organization, provides for licensure requirements, and provides relative to the number of sessions.

Present law provides for the licensing and regulation of charitable bingo, keno, and raffles.

Present law provides that a member of the licensed charity must be present during any bingo games.

Proposed law changes present law to require a member of the licensed charity to be present only during call bingo games.

Present law provides no lease providing for a rental arrangement for premises or equipment shall provide for payment in excess of the reasonable market rental rate and in no case shall be based on a percentage of gross receipts or profits derived from a game of chance.

Proposed law specifies that present law shall apply to video bingo machines.

Proposed law provides that the office of charitable gaming shall not make any requirement for licensure related to the length of time an organization has been domiciled in La.

Present law provides the definition of a session, which shall not exceed eight consecutive hours with a minimum of 12 hours between sessions.

Proposed law amends present law and provides that a session shall not exceed eight consecutive hours and that a licensee may operate an unlimited number of premises to conduct charitable gaming, however each licensee may only have one session at each premise per 12 hour period.

(Amends R.S. 4:714(C), 715(A)(7), and 740(A); Adds R.S. 4:718(H))