

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 848

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

GAMING/REVENUE: Provides relative to the distribution of slot proceeds at the horse racing facility in Orleans Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 27:361(B)(5), relative to the conduct of slot machine gaming activity; to  
3 dedicate to facility improvements a percentage of net slot machine proceeds from the  
4 gaming operations at the pari-mutuel live horse racing facility in Orleans; to provide  
5 for submission of capital improvement plans to the Louisiana State Racing  
6 Commission; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 27:361(B)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §361. Conduct of slot machine gaming; temporary conduct

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11 B. As a condition of licensing and to maintain continued authority for the  
12 conduct of slot machine gaming at the licensed eligible facility, the owner of the  
13 licensed eligible facility shall:

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15 (5) Contribute to the support of the pari-mutuel live horse racing facility in  
16 Orleans Parish by paying annually a fixed percentage of ten percent of the annual net  
17 slot machine proceeds received from slot machine gaming operations at the licensed  
18 eligible facility in Orleans Parish for capital improvements to such facility including  
19 frontside and backside projects, improvements to grandstands, stables, and racetrack  
20 surfaces. Plans for capital improvements shall be submitted annually to the  
21 Louisiana State Racing Commission for approval of the projects. The commission,

1         in approving the plans, shall consider the applicable criteria, standards, and  
 2         guidelines contained in R.S. 4:159 as well as standards, technology, and features of  
 3         other race track facilities owned by the parent company of the licensed eligible  
 4         facility in Orleans Parish. The commission shall set a time by which such projects  
 5         must be completed and certify satisfactory completion to the board. The initial set  
 6         of plans shall be submitted to the commission by October, 2014, and shall contain  
 7         improvements which can be completed to the satisfaction of the commission prior  
 8         to the start of the next racing year.  
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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires 10% of net slot machine proceeds from the gaming operations at the race track in New Orleans be used for capital improvements at that facility.

Present law, generally, authorizes certain race tracks to conduct slot machine gaming (R.S. 27:361(A)) and imposes a state license tax of 18.5% (R.S. 27:393) and a local tax of 4% (R.S. 2:391) of net slot machine proceeds. Present law also requires 15% of net slot machine proceeds to be paid to supplement purses (R.S. 27:361(B)(4)(a)) and 3% to horse associations (R.S. 27:361(B)(4)(b) and (c)).

Proposed law retains present law and as a condition of licensing and in order to maintain continued authority for the conduct of slot machine gaming, requires 10% of net slot machine proceeds from gaming operations at the pari-mutuel facility in Orleans Parish be used for capital improvements at that facility.

Proposed law specifically provides for capital improvements to both frontside and backside projects of the facility, including improvements to grandstands, stables, and racetrack surfaces. Proposed law requires plans for capital improvements to be submitted annually to the Louisiana State Racing Commission for approval of the projects, establishes criteria and standards for capital improvements, and requires the commission to set a time by which the projects must be completed. Proposed law also requires the commission to certify satisfactory completion to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

Proposed law requires the initial set of plans to be submitted to the racing commission by October, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 27:361(B)(5))