

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 116

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VIDEO POKER. Authorizes multiple decks of cards in the game of video draw poker.
(8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:402(17) and (18) and 405(C)(2), (3), and (4), relative to the
3 Video Draw Poker Devices Control Law; to provide for the method of operation of
4 video draw poker devices; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 27:402(17) and (18) and 405(C)(2), (3), and (4) are hereby amended
8 and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §402. Definitions

10 As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the
11 following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 (17) "Video draw poker device" means any unit, mechanism, or device
14 authorized pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, that, upon insertion of a ticket
15 voucher or cash, is available to play or simulate the play of the game of draw poker,
16 or other card games approved by the division utilizing a video display and
17 microprocessors in which the player may win games or credits that can be redeemed

1 for cash only. The term does not include a device that directly dispenses coins, cash,
 2 tokens, or any thing else of value, except the ticket voucher required in accordance
 3 with the provisions of this Chapter. The term does not include any device authorized
 4 to be used in the conducting of charitable gaming. The term does not include ~~video~~
 5 ~~line up games, mechanical reel games, or any combination thereof,~~ or any slot
 6 machine as defined in R.S. 27:353.

7 (18) "Video draw poker" means any card game approved by the division ~~that~~
 8 ~~utilizes one deck of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game.~~

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10 §405. Description and specifications of devices

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12 C. Each video draw poker device shall offer the game of draw poker or such
 13 other card games as are approved by the division and have the following method of
 14 operation:

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16 (2) The card games must utilize ~~a deck~~ **decks** of cards consisting of fifty-two
 17 standard playing cards, and up to two jokers may also be used. The ~~deck~~ **decks** must
 18 be shuffled by use of a random number generator to exchange each card in the ~~deck~~
 19 **decks** with another randomly selected card.

20 (3) After shuffling, a required number of cards must be dealt from the top of
 21 the ~~deck~~ **decks**.

22 (4) Any discarded cards must be replaced by remaining cards in the ~~deck~~
 23 **decks**, starting with the next subsequent card and using the cards in the order of the
 24 ~~deck~~ **decks**.

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