

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 307

BY SENATOR WARD

VIDEO POKER. Provides for video poker amenity requirements. (8/1/20)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:417(B)(2), and to enact R.S. 27:417(B)(3), relative to Video
3 Draw Poker Devices Control Law; to provide for qualified truck stop criteria; to
4 provide for amenities; to provide for suspension of the operation of a required
5 criteria or amenity for renovations; to require notification; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. 27:417(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 27:417(B)(3) is
9 hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §417. Qualified truck stop criteria; amenities

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12 B.(1) * * *

13 **(2)(a) In the event of renovations to any of the required criteria or**
14 **amenities for a qualified truck stop, or a building housing a required criteria or**
15 **amenity, the requirement to operate a particular criteria or amenity by the**
16 **licensee may be suspended up to thirty days in order to complete the renovation,**
17 **provided the licensee notifies the division prior to beginning of the renovation.**

1 **(b) After the initial thirty day suspension of the requirement to operate**
 2 **a particular required criteria or amenity as provided in Subparagraph (a) of**
 3 **this Paragraph, if the renovation is not completed due to unforeseen**
 4 **circumstances, the licensee may apply to the division for up to an additional**
 5 **thirty days to complete the renovation. For good cause shown, the division shall**
 6 **grant the licensee's request.**

7 **(c) During the suspension of the requirement to operate a particular**
 8 **required criteria or amenity as provided in Subparagraphs (a) or (b) of this**
 9 **Paragraph, the licensee may continue to operate video draw poker devices at the**
 10 **qualified truck stop.**

11 **(3)** The provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to adversely
 12 affect parish boundary surveys or good faith reliance upon those surveys as provided
 13 for in R.S. 27:456.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

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Present law provides numerous criteria and amenities that a qualified truck stop facility must maintain to be eligible for a video draw poker license. Requires that the facility must cover at least five developed contiguous acres and sell fuel, lubricating oil, and other vehicular merchandise, such as batteries, tires, or vehicle parts for 18-wheel tractor-trailers. It must be located adjacent to a major state or interstate highway and must have an onsite restaurant that provides centralized seating for at least 50 patrons, open at least 12 hours a day, offers a varied menu, and operates a fully equipped kitchen. Provides that the facility must have parking areas to accommodate at least 50, 18-wheel tractor-trailer motor vehicles, can be paved or concrete, and is of sufficient size to allow safe ingress and egress. Provides that the facility must also have diesel and gasoline fuel facilities and onsite repair service facilities for 18-wheel tractor-trailer motor vehicles. Requires that the facility have at least four of the following amenities:

- (1) A separate truckers' television lounge.
- (2) A full-service laundry facility located in a convenient area for truckers' use.
- (3) Private showers for men and women and not located in an area open to general public restroom facilities.
- (4) A travel store with items commonly referred to as truckers' supplies (items commonly used only by commercial motor vehicles).

- (5) Truck scales.
- (6) Separate truckers' telephones.
- (7) Permanent storage facilities for fuel.

Present law also requires that qualified truck stops have an area separated for adult patronage only.

Present law provides that except for certain instances of expropriation by the state or a political subdivision of the state, the criteria and amenities required for a qualified truck stop facility shall be operational and maintained in working condition.

Proposed law retains present law but adds an exception to accommodate a renovation. Provides that in the event of renovations to any of the required criteria or amenities, or a building housing a required criteria or amenity, the requirement to operate a particular criteria or amenity by the licensee may be suspended up to 30 days in order to complete the renovation, provided the licensee notifies the division of state police prior to beginning of the renovation.

Proposed law provides that after the initial 30 days, if the renovation is not completed due to unforeseen circumstances, the licensee may apply to the division of state police for an additional 30 days to complete the renovation, and for good cause shown, the division shall grant the licensee's request.

Proposed law provides that during the suspension of the requirement to operate a particular required criteria or amenity provided in proposed law, the licensee may continue to operate video draw poker devices at the qualified truck stop.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 27:417(B)(2); adds R.S. 27:417(B)(3))