

2016 Regular Session

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

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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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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

DIGEST

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Present law 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.

Present law 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 present law.

Proposed law retains present law but makes clear that the prohibition of present law 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))