

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 542

BY SENATOR MORRELL

GAMING. Requires annual report from the Gaming Control Board on impact of technology advances on gaming industry. (8/1/14)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 27:15(H), relative to the Gaming Control Board; to require an annual report on impact of technology; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 27:15(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§15. Board's authority, responsibilities

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H. The board shall annually report to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House on the impact that developments in technology are having on gaming and the gaming industry in Louisiana. The report shall specifically address awareness and growth, to the extent known, of any unregulated gaming such as Internet or online games, address Internet gaming in jurisdictions in which it is authorized and any enforcement issues the jurisdiction is experiencing with age verification and geo-location, and identify issues for legislative concern and make recommendations regarding such concerns.

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

DIGEST

Morrell (SB 542)

Present law provides for the authority and responsibility of the Gaming Control Board.

Proposed law requires the board to annually report to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House the impact that developments in technology are having on gaming and the gaming industry in Louisiana. Requires the report to specifically address awareness and growth, to the extent known, of any unregulated gaming such as Internet or online games, address Internet gaming in jurisdictions in which it is authorized and any enforcement issues the jurisdiction is experiencing with age verification and geo-location, and identify issues for legislative concern and make recommendations regarding such concerns.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 27:15(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Adds reporting requirements concerning Internet gaming in other jurisdictions.