

SENATE BILL NO. 77

BY SENATOR SMITH

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:305, 308(A)(3), (4)(a), and (B) and to enact R.S. 27:302(11), relative to fantasy sports; to clarify licensee requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 27:305, 308(A)(3), (4)(a), and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 27:302(11) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§302. Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter:

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(11) "Participation" or "participate" means to pay an entry fee to a fantasy sports contest operator.

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§305. Fantasy sports contests prohibited in certain parishes

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, **participation in** fantasy sports contests shall not be permitted in any parish in which, at the election held pursuant to R.S. 27:303, a majority of the qualified electors in the parish voting on the proposition to authorize fantasy sports contests in the parish voted against the proposition.

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§308. Licensee requirements

A. As a condition of licensure, a fantasy sports contest operator shall submit evidence to the board that the operator has established and will implement commercially reasonable procedures for fantasy sports contests with an entry fee and that:

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(3) Provide that no winning outcome is based on the score, point spread, or any performance of any single real-world sports team or combination of such teams or solely on any single performance of an individual athlete or ~~participant~~ **person engaged** in any single real-world sporting event.

(4) Ensure that any of following persons do not participate in fantasy sports contests:

(a) Athletes and individuals who ~~participate~~ **engage** in or officiate a game or competition that is a real-world sport or athletic event that is the subject of a fantasy sports contest.

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B. A fantasy sports contest operator shall not offer fantasy sports contests based on the performances of ~~participants~~ **athletes or persons that engage** in high school or youth athletic events.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____