
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to
Original House Bill No. 178 by Representative Miller

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line
3 3, delete "(F)(5)" and insert the following:

4 "R.S. 4:701, 702(A) and (B), 705(1) and (9), 706(A), (B), and (C)(1), and
5 709(C), and to enact R.S. 4:707(A)(6), (B)(6), and (F)(5), and 714(F)(3)"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 2

7 On page 1, line 3, after "gaming;" and before "to" insert "to authorize box pools or squares
8 as a permissible game of chance;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 9, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 10 in its
11 entirety and insert the following:

12 "R.S. 4:701, 702(A) and (B), 705(1) and (9), 706(A), (B), and (C)(1) and
13 709(C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:707(A)(6), (B)(6), and (F)(5)
14 and 714(F)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 4

16 On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

17 "CHAPTER 11. CHARITABLE RAFFLES, BINGO, ~~AND~~
18 KENO, AND BOX POOLS OR SQUARES LICENSING LAW

19 §701. Citation

20 This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Charitable Raffles, Bingo, ~~and~~
21 Keno, and Box Pools or Squares Licensing Law".

22 §702. Declaration of purpose

23 A. The Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the state's role and
24 responsibilities in ensuring that the net proceeds of charitable games of chance
25 conducted pursuant to the Charitable Raffles, Bingo, ~~and~~ Keno, and Box Pools or
26 Squares Licensing Law are contributed to bona fide charitable causes. The
27 legislature further finds that it is in the public interest to prevent infiltration of
28 elements of organized crime or professional gambling into charitable gaming.

29 B. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the state of Louisiana to decrease the
30 potential for fraud in charitable games of chance and to increase compliance with the
31 provisions of the Charitable Raffles, Bingo, ~~and~~ Keno, and Box Pools or Squares
32 Licensing Law and other applicable laws and regulations through monitoring and
33 enforcement as well as public education and awareness of the purposes of these laws
34 and regulations.

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36 §705. Office functions, duties, and responsibilities

37 The office shall have the following functions, duties, and responsibilities:

38 (1) To issue and renew annual state licenses required by law for
39 organizations conducting games of chance pursuant to the Charitable Raffles, Bingo,
40 ~~and~~ Keno, and Box Pools or Squares Licensing Law, for manufacturers or

1 distributors of supplies or equipment for such games, and for commercial lessors of
2 premises on which such games are conducted.

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4 (9) To familiarize the general public, and in particular members of
5 organizations which conduct charitable games of chance, with provisions of the
6 Charitable Raffles, Bingo, and Keno, and Box Pools or Squares Licensing Law and
7 other applicable laws and regulations.

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9 AMENDMENT NO. 5

10 On page 1, at the end of line 11, insert "or squares"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 6

12 On page 1, line 13, after "pools" and before "as" insert "or squares"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 7

14 On page 1, line 14, after the period "." delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 15
15 and 16 in their entirety

16 AMENDMENT NO. 8

17 On page 1, line 18, after "pools" and before "as" insert "or squares"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 9

19 On page 1, line 19, after the period "." delete the remainder of the line and on page 2, delete
20 lines 1 and 2 in their entirety

21 AMENDMENT NO. 10

22 On page 2, line 4, after "pools" and before "within" insert "or squares"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 11

24 On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

25 "B. In addition to the licensing required in Subsection A of this Section, the
26 governing authority of any municipality or parish may, consistent with the provisions
27 of this Chapter, license charitable organizations as defined in R.S. 4:703(1) to hold
28 and operate the following specific games of chance:

29 * * *

30 (6) The game of chance commonly known as box pools or squares played
31 for prizes where a person is assigned a number on the rows and columns of a
32 ten-by-ten grid to represent the last digit of each team's score, and the prize being
33 won by a person who matches the last number of each team's score at the end of each
34 quarter, inning, or period."

35 AMENDMENT NO. 12

36 On page 2, line 23, after "pools" and before "as" insert "or squares"

37 AMENDMENT NO. 13

38 On page 2, line 25, after "pools" and before "within" insert "or squares"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 14

2 On page 2, line 27, after "box" and before "for" change "pool" to "pools or squares"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 15

4 On page 2, after line 29, add the following:

5 "§709. Investigation of qualifications of applicant; issuance of license; limitation on
6 license fee; duration of license; report to central registry

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8 C. No license for holding, operating, or conducting of any game or games
9 of chance shall be issued under this Chapter to be effective for a period of more than
10 one year. However, a license for conducting box pools or squares shall be effective
11 for a period of three years.

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13 §714. Restrictions; requirements; transfers; prohibitions

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15 F.

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17 (3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not be applicable to proceeds
18 from box pools or squares as provided by R.S. 4:707(A)(6)."