

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 232

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

GAMBLING/CHARITABLE: Provides relative to licensing and reporting procedures for charitable gaming

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:707(F)(4), relative to charitable gaming; to provide relative to  
3 exemptions from licensing and reporting procedures; to exempt conservation  
4 organizations dedicated principally to the conservation of game fish from licensing  
5 and reporting procedures for conducting raffles; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 4:707(F)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §707. Authorization to license certain organizations; exemption; requirement for  
9 state license

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13 (4) Any bona fide conservation organization, which is recognized by the  
14 Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) corporation, dedicated principally to the  
15 conservation of a specific species, genus, or family of game animal or game fish,  
16 including but not limited to the conservation of ducks, waterfowl generally, quail,  
17 and turkeys or saltwater and freshwater fish such as speckled trout, redfish, flounder,  
18 large mouth bass, and crappie, which is otherwise permitted by law to conduct  
19 charitable gaming shall be exempted from the licensing and reporting procedures  
20 enumerated in R.S. 4:708 through 716 solely for conducting raffles as a means of

1 fund-raising in a municipality or parish whose governing authority has decided to  
2 permit raffles, bingo, and keno within its limits as provided in R.S. 4:706.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts any bona fide conservation organization dedicated principally to the conservation of game fish from licensing and reporting procedures for conducting raffles.

Present law provides that any bona fide conservation organization, which is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) corporation, dedicated principally to the conservation of a specific species, genus, or family of game animal, including but not limited to the conservation of ducks, waterfowl generally, quail, and turkeys and which is otherwise permitted to conduct charitable gaming shall be exempt from present law licensing and reporting procedures for conducting raffles as a means of fund-raising in a municipality or parish whose governing authority permits raffles, bingo, and keno.

Proposed law amends present law to also exempt any bona fide conservation organization dedicated principally to the conservation of game fish, including but not limited to saltwater and freshwater fish such as speckled trout, redfish, flounder, large mouth bass, and crappie, from present law licensing and reporting procedures for conducting raffles as a means of fund-raising in a municipality or parish whose governing authority permits raffles, bingo, and keno.

(Amends R.S. 4:707(F)(4))