

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 243

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

GAMBLING/VIDEO POKER: Provides with respect to suitability and licensing of three-machine video draw poker locations

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:20(A)(1)(d)(ii) and to enact R.S. 27:310(B)(3), relative to the  
3 operation of video draw poker devices at certain facilities; to authorize the  
4 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, to issue licenses  
5 for the operation of video draw poker devices at three-machine locations; to provide  
6 that certain video draw poker licensees do not have to meet certain suitability  
7 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 27:20(A)(1)(d)(ii) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
10 27:310(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §20. Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police

12 A.(1) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state  
13 police, shall:

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15 (d) Issue the following licenses and permits in accordance with rules adopted  
16 by the board:

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18 (ii) ~~Renews~~ New licenses and the renewal of licenses for the operation of  
19 video draw poker devices at facilities with no more than three video draw poker  
20 devices at their licensed establishments.

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1 §310. Suitability requirements

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3 B.

4 \* \* \*

5 (3) Any person who has been granted a Class-A General Retail permit or a  
6 Class-A Restaurant permit as defined in Part II of Chapter 1 or Part II of Chapter 2  
7 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and meets the other  
8 requirements within this Chapter shall be granted a license, including renewals, by  
9 the division to operate a restaurant, bar, tavern, or cocktail lounge under the  
10 provisions of this Section without having to additionally meet any other suitability  
11 requirements found in Subsections A, B, D, F, and G of this Section.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the state police gaming division to issue video draw poker licenses for three-machine locations and waives certain suitability criteria upon the issuance of alcoholic beverage permits.

Present law provides for the operation of video draw poker devices.

Present law authorizes DPS&C, state police gaming division, to issue renewals licenses for the operation of video draw poker devices at facilities with no more than three video draw poker devices at their licensed establishments.

Proposed law authorizes the issuance of new licenses as well as license renewals of three-machine locations.

Present law provides that a person who has an alcoholic beverage permit for on premises consumption of alcohol may be granted a license to operate no more than three video draw poker devices at that premises.

Present law provides suitability requirements for the issuance of video draw poker licenses and qualification criteria for the issuance of permits for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a restaurant or bar.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and further provides that if a person has met the qualifications for the granting of a permit to sell alcoholic beverages on the premises

of a restaurant or bar, they are not required to meet the suitability requirements for the issuance of a video draw poker license to operate three video draw poker devices.

(Amends R.S. 27:20(A)(1)(d)(ii); Adds R.S. 27:310(B)(3))