

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 334

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

GAMING/REVENUE: Provides relative to the casino support services contract

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 27:247, relative to the casino support services contract; to  
3 provide for the funding of such contract; to establish the Casino Support Services  
4 Fund as a special treasury fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 27:247 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §247. Casino support services contract; Casino Support Services Fund

9 A. Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, the  
10 gaming control board shall enter into a casino support services contract with the  
11 governing authority of the parish where the official gaming establishment is located  
12 in order to compensate the parish on a quarterly basis for the cost to the parish for  
13 providing support services resulting from the operation of the official gaming  
14 establishment and the activities therein. Support services as used in this Section  
15 shall include but not be limited to fire, police, sanitation, health, transportation, and  
16 traffic services. The amount of the contract shall be determined by negotiation and  
17 agreement between the gaming control board and the parish, subject to approval by  
18 the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. In the event that a new contract is  
19 not agreed upon by the gaming control board and the parish by March thirty-first of  
20 any year, the contract currently in effect shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative

1 Committee on the Budget for approval of the amount of the contract at the next  
2 meeting of the committee. If the committee approves or does not act upon the  
3 amount of the contract, the contract shall remain in full force and effect. If the  
4 committee disapproves ~~or does not act upon~~ the amount of the contract, the contract  
5 shall be null, void, and of no effect.

6 B. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Casino  
7 Support Services Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund", to provide  
8 compensation to the parish governing authority pursuant to a casino support services  
9 contract executed pursuant to Subsection A of this Section.

10 (2) Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
11 general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be credited  
12 to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the  
13 fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

14 (3) The state treasurer is directed to deposit into the fund at the beginning of  
15 each fiscal year an amount equal to the amount of the compensation provided  
16 pursuant to the casino support services contract most recently approved by the Joint  
17 Legislative Committee on the Budget. Monies in the fund shall be appropriated,  
18 administered, and used solely as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

19 C. Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the parish governing authority  
20 and used to compensate the parish on a quarterly basis for the cost to the parish of  
21 providing support services resulting from the operation of the official gaming  
22 establishment and the activities therein.

23 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor  
24 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
25 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the Casino Support Services Fund and dedicates the amount required to fund the most recently approved casino support services contract. Additionally deletes present law nullifying the most recent casino support services contract if no action is taken by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Present law provides that the gaming control board and the parish governing authority shall enter into a casino support services contract to compensate the governing authority for support services resulting from operation of the land-based casino. Requires approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB). If a new contract is not agreed to by March 31, the contract currently in effect shall remain in full force and effect. If the JLCB approves the contract, it shall remain in full force and effect.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that if the JLCB disapproves or does not act upon the amount of the contract, it shall be nullified.

Proposed law provides that if JLCB does not approve the amount of the contract, the prior contract shall remain in full force and effect. Retains present law nullifying the contract if it is disapproved by the JLCB.

Proposed law establishes the Casino Support Services Fund as a special treasury fund to provide compensation to the parish governing authority pursuant to a casino support services contract. The state treasurer is directed to deposit an amount equal to the amount of the most recently approved casino support services contract at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Proposed law provides that monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the parish governing authority and used to compensate the parish on a quarterly basis for the cost to the parish of providing support services resulting from the operation of the official gaming establishment and the activities therein.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 27:247)