

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 198

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

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

CHARITABLE GAMING. Provides relative to charitable bingo. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:715(A)(2)(b) and (B)(2) and 739(C)(3), relative to charitable bingo; to provide relative to the amount of compensation authorized to be paid to personnel who assist in the holding, operating, or conducting of such games; to provide relative to requirements for distributors of electronic dabber devices; to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 4:715(A)(2)(b) and (B)(2) and 739(C)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§715. Personnel to hold games; commissions or salaries; equipment and supplies; expenses

- A.(1) * * *
- (2) * * *

(b) Any person, association, or corporation licensed to hold, operate, or conduct any games of chance under any license issued pursuant to this Chapter may compensate, for services rendered, any fifteen employees, including a bingo caller, who assist in the holding, operating, or conducting of such games. The rate of

1 compensation shall be no more than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** dollars per hour and in any event
 2 shall not exceed ~~fifty~~ **ninety** dollars per session for any employee. Each employee
 3 or volunteer worker may also be provided meals and beverages to be eaten on the
 4 premises not to exceed a total value of fifteen dollars per person. Expenditures made
 5 under the provisions of this Subsection shall be subject to the reporting provisions
 6 of R.S. 4:716. Compensation provided for in this Paragraph shall not constitute a
 7 violation of the prohibition against the payment or giving of a commission, salary,
 8 compensation, reward, or recompense to any person holding, operating, or
 9 conducting any such game.

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11 B.(1)

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12 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person,
 13 association, or corporation licensed to hold, operate, or conduct any games of chance
 14 that benefit persons with visual or hearing impairments, paraplegia, quadriplegia,
 15 intellectual disabilities, or persons sixty years of age or older, under any license
 16 issued pursuant to this Chapter, may compensate for services rendered, any fifteen
 17 employees who assist in the holding, operating, or conducting of such games. The
 18 rate of compensation shall be no more than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** dollars per hour and in any
 19 event shall not exceed ~~fifty~~ **ninety** dollars per session for any employee. Each
 20 employee or volunteer worker may also be provided meals and beverages to be eaten
 21 on the premises not to exceed a total value of fifteen dollars per person. Expenditures
 22 made under the provisions of this Subsection shall be subject to the reporting
 23 provisions of R.S. 4:716. Compensation provided for in this Subsection shall not
 24 constitute a violation of the prohibition against the payment or giving of a
 25 commission, salary, compensation, reward, or recompense to any person holding,
 26 operating, or conducting, or assisting in the holding, operation, or conduct of any
 27 such game.

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29 §739. Use of electronic bingo card dabber devices

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2 C.(1) * * *

3 (3) Unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to
4 this Chapter, each distributor ~~shall~~ **may** have at least one employee on site during use
5 of its devices. The licensed distributor shall request payment from the licensed
6 organization immediately after each session in an amount equal to the rental price
7 multiplied by the number of devices used, rented, leased, or otherwise supplied or
8 provided at the session, plus applicable taxes and fees. Payment shall be made by
9 check payable only from the licensed organization's gaming account and made
10 payable only to the licensed distributor immediately after each session.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy Wells.

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Present law authorizes any person, association, or corporation licensed to hold, operate, or conduct any games of chance under any license issued pursuant to present law to compensate, for services rendered, any 15 employees, including a bingo caller, who assist in the holding, operating, or conducting of such games.

Present law restricts the rate of compensation to no more than \$10.00 per hour and no more than \$50.00 per session for any employee.

Proposed law increases the rate of compensation to no more than \$15.00 per hour and no more than \$90.00 per session for any employee.

Present law requires each distributor of electronic bingo card dabber devices to have at least one employee on site during use of the distributor's devices.

Proposed law allows rather than requires each distributor of electronic bingo card dabber devices to have at least one employee on site during use of the distributor's devices.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 4:715(A)(2)(b) and (B)(2) and 739(C)(3))