

SENATE BILL NO. 198

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

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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 compensation shall be no more than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** dollars per hour and in any event shall not exceed ~~fifty~~ **ninety** dollars per session for any employee. Each employee or volunteer worker may also be provided meals and beverages to be eaten on the premises not to exceed a total value of fifteen dollars per person. Expenditures made under the provisions of this Subsection shall be subject to the reporting provisions of R.S. 4:716. Compensation provided for in this Paragraph shall not constitute a

1 violation of the prohibition against the payment or giving of a commission, salary,
2 compensation, reward, or recompense to any person holding, operating, or
3 conducting any such game.

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5 B.(1)

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

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23 §739. Use of electronic bingo card dabber devices

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25 C.(1)

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26 (3) Unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to
27 this Chapter, each distributor ~~shall~~ **may** have at least one employee on site during use
28 of its devices. The licensed distributor shall request payment from the licensed
29 organization immediately after each session in an amount equal to the rental price
30 multiplied by the number of devices used, rented, leased, or otherwise supplied or

1 provided at the session, plus applicable taxes and fees. Payment shall be made by
 2 check payable only from the licensed organization's gaming account and made
 3 payable only to the licensed distributor immediately after each session.

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

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____