

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 322

BY SENATOR MORRELL

VIDEO POKER. Provides relative to revocation of a video draw poker device license for certain violations. (8/1/16)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:443(B)(1)(a)(ii) and (b)(iii), relative to penalties for certain violations of the Video Draw Poker Devices Control Law; to provide with respect to the revocation or suspension of a license for certain violations; to provide for a hearing; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 27:443(B)(1)(a)(ii) and (b)(iii) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§443. Allowing underage persons to play video draw poker devices; penalties; revocation of license hearing

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B.(1) Violations of Subsection A of this Section shall be penalized by the division as follows:

(a) For allowing a person under the age of twenty-one to play or operate a video draw poker device at a licensed establishment, unless the licensee, his employee, or agent reasonably believed that the person was twenty-one years old or older:



Present law further prohibits a licensee to allow a person under 15 to play or operate a video draw poker device regardless of what the licensee, his employee, or agent knew or reasonably believed about the age of the person.

Present law provides the penalty for the third or subsequent violation of either offense will be the revocation of the licensee's video draw poker license.

Proposed law removes the automatic revocation penalty for a third or subsequent offense and provides a hearing is to be conducted by the Gaming Control Board to determine if extenuating circumstances are present pursuant to which a license suspension or revocation should not be imposed.

Proposed law provides that at the conclusion of the hearing the board may revoke or suspend a license or impose a fine on the licensee.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 27:443(B)(1)(a)(ii) and (b)(iii))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Adds authority for the Gaming Control Board, at the conclusion of a revocation hearing, to revoke or suspend a license or impose a fine on the licensee.