

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 356

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

VIDEO POKER. Provides relative to video poker at pari-mutuel wagering facilities.
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:364(A)(1)(b)(v), to enact R.S. 27:366, and to repeal R.S. 27:371, relative to gaming; to provide relative to the Pari-Mutuel Live Racing Facility Economic Redevelopment and Gaming Control Act; to provide with respect to rules and regulations of slot machines; to remove the prohibition on operation of video draw poker devices; to provide relative to the prohibition of certain other types of games; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 27:364(A)(1)(b)(v) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 27:366 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§364. Gaming Control Board; powers and duties

A. The board shall:

(1)(a) Adopt, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, all rules necessary to implement, administer, and regulate slot machine gaming as authorized in this Chapter.

(b) Such rules shall include:

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1 (v) A prescription of the types of slot machines which may be operated and
 2 the games which may be permitted on such machines. ~~No game may be permitted~~
 3 ~~on such machines by prescription of the board which resembles a game the play of~~
 4 ~~which requires, or typically includes, the participation of another natural person.~~

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6 **§366. Operation of video draw poker devices; other type of game**

7 **A. The operation of video draw poker devices shall be permitted and**
 8 **may be licensed to operate in any eligible facility in which slot machine gaming**
 9 **occurs.**

10 **B. A slot machine in an eligible facility, where slot machine gaming is**
 11 **conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, may offer the**
 12 **game of poker or any other game which resembles a game of play which**
 13 **requires, or typically includes, the participation of another natural person.**

14 Section 2. R.S. 27:371 is hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

DIGEST

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Present law regarding slot machines at live race horse racing facilities, provides that the La. Gaming Control Board shall adopt, pursuant to the APA, all rules necessary to implement, administer, and regulate slot machine gaming as authorized in present law.

Present law provides that such rules shall include a prescription of the types of slot machines which may be operated and the games which may be permitted on such machines. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that no game may be permitted on such machines by prescription of the board which resembles a game the play of which requires, or typically includes, the participation of another natural person. Proposed law removes this provision of present law.

Present law provides that the operation of video draw poker devices shall be prohibited and may not be licensed to operate in any eligible facility in which slot machine gaming occurs.

Present law provides that except as provided in present law, on or after June 1, 2003, no slot machine in an eligible facility, where slot machine gaming is conducted in accordance with the provisions of present law, shall offer the game of poker for operation or play.

Proposed law provides that the operation of video draw poker devices shall be permitted and may be licensed to operate in any eligible facility in which slot machine gaming occurs.

Present law provides that nothing in present law shall be construed to permit the operation

or play of any type of game the play of which requires the participation of an employee of the licensee.

Proposed law removes this provision.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 27:364(A)(1)(b)(v); adds R.S. 27:366; repeals R.S. 27:371)