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2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 637

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

GAMING: Provides relative to charitable gaming

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:710(A), relative to charitable gaming; to increase the

3 frequency of bingo games; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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Section 1. R.S. 4:710(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§710. Issuance of special licenses

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, the office may provide by rule for the issuance of a special license for the conduct of no more than two bingo sessions annually one bingo session per calendar quarter at which the total amount of prizes which may be awarded on any one calendar day under such a license shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars in cash or other thing or things of value. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, all other provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the issuance of such special licenses.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the frequency of charitable bingo games.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the office of charitable gaming within the Dept. of Revenue may provide issuances of a special license for the conduct of no more than two bingo sessions annually.

<u>Present law</u> also provides that the total amount of prizes that could be awarded on any one calendar day under the license cannot exceed \$25,000 in cash or other thing or things of value.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but changes the frequency of bingo sessions <u>from</u> two bingo sessions annually <u>to</u> one per calendar quarter.

(Amends R.S. 4:710(A))