

# Legislation

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### State Legislature House of Representatives

House Concurrent Resolution Number 94 of the 1997  
Regular Session—Charitable Bingo, Keno and Raffle  
(by Representative Windhorst)  
(LAC 42.I.1703)

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#### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, Division of Charitable Gaming Control rule (LAC 42:I.1703(A)(21)), which provides for the length of charitable gaming sessions, to allow for two-hour sessions and to direct the Louisiana Register to print the amendment in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

WHEREAS, the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law was enacted in 1968; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature from 1990 through 1992 authorized gaming upon riverboats along designated waterways, gaming at a land-based casino, the operation of video draw poker devices, and the conducting of a state lottery; and

WHEREAS, in a period of seven years the state of Louisiana has experienced a great interest in and proliferation of gaming activities and legislation dealing with gaming activities; and

WHEREAS, charitable raffles, bingo, and keno gaming activities serve as valuable mechanisms generating revenue for deserving charitable organizations vital to the welfare of the people of the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money being spent on all gaming activities is limited and, given the recent increase in legalized gaming activities and subsequent interest in these activities, the charitable gaming industry has suffered a tremendous drop in attendance and participation and a resulting decrease in revenue generation for charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has attempted to improve the viability of charitable gaming by upgrading the games offered and enacted provisions authorizing electronic video bingo games, progressive bingo games, and electronic pull-tab device operation; and

WHEREAS, despite these attempts the charitable gaming industry has continued to suffer and ways to improve the efficiency of the games are constantly being sought; and WHEREAS, LAC 42:I. 1703(A)(21) provides that a charitable gaming "session" represents authorized games of chance

played within a time limit of four consecutive hours, within the same calendar day, with a minimum of twelve hours between sessions; and

WHEREAS, it would be more efficient to allow a session to be two consecutive hours or four consecutive hours and to allow the decision to be made by the licensee conducting the games; and

WHEREAS, anything that will help the charitable gaming industry and the state of Louisiana's charitable organizations is worthy of every consideration; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:969 provides that "the legislature, by concurrent resolution, may suspend, amend, or repeal any rule or regulation or body of rules or regulations adopted by a state department, agency, board, or commission".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Louisiana that LAC 42:I.1703(A)(21) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§1703. Definitions

A. As used throughout this Chapter, the following definitions apply:

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21. *Session*—represents authorized games of chance played within a time limit of two consecutive hours or four consecutive hours, within the same calendar day, with a minimum of 12 hours between sessions. The four-hour session limit shall not apply to sessions held in conjunction with a bona fide fair or festival on property where no rent is paid for the session and payout of prizes is determined by the number of persons playing. Sessions are limited to not more than one session per day per licensee. In no instance shall the total prize amounts exceed \$4,500 per session without a special license. A session of keno or bingo, when the licensee possesses a special license, is limited to six consecutive hours.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution by transmitted to the office of the Louisiana Register; the office of the attorney general, gaming division; and to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, division of charitable gaming control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Register is hereby directed to have the amendments to LAC 42:I.1703(A)(21) printed and incorporated into the Louisiana Administrative Code and transmit a copy of the revised rules to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, division of charitable gaming control.

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