

## §1901. Definitions

As used throughout this Chapter, the following definitions apply:

1. *Act* - the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law enacted as R.S. 33:4861.1 et seq., together with R.S. 40:1485.1 et seq., including all amendments thereto that may hereafter be enacted.

2. *Applicant* - the organization, its members, officers, agents, or employees who have applied for any license from the division.

3. *Audit Copy* - an exact copy of each printed ticket voucher.

4. *Bona fide, Active, or Volunteer Member* - a person accepted for membership in an organization eligible to be licensed under this Part upon application, with such action being recorded in the official minutes of a regular meeting or who has held full and regular membership status in the organization. The member functions shall not be limited to gaming related activities.

5. *Certain Related Offenses* - include the following offenses committed contrary to the laws of this state, local jurisdictions, other states, the federal government, or other countries:

- a. any felony offense;
- b. any offense directly or indirectly related to gambling or gaming laws;
- c. the misdemeanor offense of any theft or related offense, any attempted theft or related offense, issuing worthless checks, illegal possession of stolen things, or false swearing or related offense.

6. *Charitable Gaming* - the conducting or assisting in the conducting of any game of chance authorized by R.S. 33:4861.1 et seq., and R.S. 40:1485.1 et seq.

7. *Charitable Gaming Supplies* - any supplies (except raffle tickets), equipment, device, goods or wares intended for use in the conducting of any charitable gaming provided by law. It includes, but is not limited to, the receptacle and numbered objects to be drawn from it, the master board upon which the objects drawn are placed, the cards or sheets bearing numbers or other designations to be covered and the objects used to cover them, the boards or signs, however operated, used to announce or display the number or designation as they are drawn, and all other articles essential to the operation, conducting and playing of bingo, keno, pull tabs or raffles. It also includes any computer system, software or cash register designed for the primary purpose of accounting for and reporting the transactions involved in the selling of share or shares to participate in charitable gaming. Bingo game sets commonly manufactured and sold as children's games for a retail price of \$20 or less shall be presumed not to be bingo equipment for these purposes

unless used by a licensee in the licensee's gaming activity.

8. *Commercial Location* - a building, structure or premises owned, leased, rented or otherwise controlled by a commercial lessor.

9. *Department* - the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections and shall include the Division of Charitable Gaming Control of the Office of State Police, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

10. *Division* - the Division of Charitable Gaming Control, Office of State Police, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

11. *Director* - means the commissioned state trooper of sufficient rank designated by the deputy secretary to head the division.

12. *Electronic Video Bingo* - the game of bingo as defined by Louisiana law when offered by a machine utilizing video images and a random number generator rather than objects drawn from a receptacle and cards.

13. *Expenses* - ordinary, necessary and reasonable costs incurred in preparation for or in the conduct of the gaming activity. (Expenses are further clarified in Administrative Rule 1747).

14. *EPROM* - an erasable and programmable read-only memory.

15. *Ideal Net Proceeds* - the projected gross amount to be collected upon sale of all pull tabs in a set or deal minus

- a. the actual cost of the pull tabs to the organization, and
- b. the projected total amount of prizes or winnings in the set or deal.

16. *Immediate Family Means* - subject individual's spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters, spouses of children, and spouses of brother and sisters.

17. *Licensee* - any organization licensed to conduct charitable gaming activity pursuant to R.S. 33:4861.1 et seq., and R.S. 40: 1485.1 et seq., or licensed as a manufacturer or distributor of charitable gaming supplies, manufacturer or distributor of electronic video bingo machines, commercial lessors, or licensed as a private contractor for cable television bingo.

18. *Logic* - a digital integrated circuit.

19. *Machine* - an electrically or electronically operated device designed for the playing of electronic video bingo.

20. *Net Win* - the sum obtained by subtracting total coins in minus the total amount paid out on ticket vouchers tendered for cash money.

21. *Noncommercial Lessor* - a bona fide nonprofit organization licensed by the division to conduct games of chance, which leases any building or structure used for charitable gaming to other organizations licensed by the division.

22. *Noncommercial Location* - a building, structure or premises owned or occupied by a noncommercial lessor; the principal activities at the location shall be the meeting of members and the conducting of affairs of the nonprofit organization.

23. *Pal* - a programmable array logic.

24. *Patriotic* - in addition to any other commonly accepted meaning, an organization whose membership is composed of veterans of the United States of America Military to include without limitation, United States Army, United States Air Force, United States Marines, United States Navy, and United States Coast Guard, and said organization has acquired an appropriate nonprofit designation issued by the Federal Internal Revenue Service with its registered office and/or place of domicile in the state of Louisiana, or an auxiliary organization to such a veterans' organization.

25. *Payout* - the number of credits won by the players, whether used to play additional games or collected on a ticket voucher, in proportion to the act of cash and credit wagered.

26. *Permit Stamp* - an exterior decal issued by the division which authorizes a specific machine to be operated as an electronic video bingo machine.

27. *Permit Stamp Fee* - the amount paid by the permittee to the division for each machine permitted.

28. *Permittee* - a licensed distributor or charitable organization that owns and operates a permitted electronic video bingo machine in this state.

29. *Private Contractor* - a firm or person possessing demonstrated skills in the conduct and administration of charitable games of chance, and licensed by the division to provide for the operation and management of cable television bingo, and any employee or agent of such firm or person.

30. *Prom* - programmable read-only memory.

31. *Promotional Game* - any game, contest, or arrangement used by any entity in order to stimulate sales or attendance, where absolutely no purchase or fee is necessary in order to participate in or win the game, contest or event.

32. *Pull Tab* or *Charity Game Ticket* - a single or banded ticket or card with its face covered to conceal one or more numbers or symbols where one or more cards or tickets in each set has been designated in advance as a winner.

33. *Pull Tab Set or Deal* - any form, series or group of pull tabs having the same serial number.

34. *Raffle* - a type of lottery in which several persons pay, in shares, the value of something put up as a stake, and then determine by chance which one of them shall become the sole possessor of it and any portion or share is retained by the person(s) conducting the raffle.

35. *Reasonable Market Rental Rate* - that rate at which similar facilities or equipment available for similar purposes, in the city may be leased or rented.

36. *Session* - represents authorized games of chance played within a time limit of 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.

37. *Special License* - a license to conduct one bingo session where the total prize amount shall not exceed \$25,000 in cash or things of equal value. No organization shall be issued more than two special licenses a year.

38. *Ticket Voucher* - a printed ticket which is tendered to the player at the completion of game play for remaining credits on the machine; the voucher is redeemable for cash money.

*AUTHORITY NOTE:* Adopted in accordance with R.S. 40:1485.4 and R.S. 33:4861.17.

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