

**§ 739. Use of electronic bingo card dabber devices**

A. (1) Electronic bingo card dabber devices, hereafter referred to as electronic dabber devices, and defined in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, for the public playing of bingo, progressive bingo, or progressive mega jackpot bingo may be made available at any location licensed under the provisions of this Chapter provided that all requirements of this Section and all requirements of this Chapter not in conflict with this Section are met. Electronic Bingo Dabber Devices shall not be construed to be electronic video bingo machines or electronic pull-tab devices. Electronic Bingo Dabber Devices shall not offer for play the games authorized by the provisions of R.S. 4:724 or R.S. 733.

(2) “Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device”, or “Electronic Dabber Device”, or “EBCDD” means an electronic device used by a bingo player to monitor bingo cards purchased and electronically mark bingo cards downloaded into the device, at the time and place of the licensed charitable bingo session, and which:

(a) Provides a means to bingo players to electronically mark numbers announced by the bingo caller.

(b) Compares numbers called to the numbers contained on bingo cards for that session previously stored in the database of the device.

(c) Identifies winning bingo patterns.

(d) Signals the bingo player when a winning bingo pattern is waiting or received.

(e) Will not accept coins, currency, or tokens to activate play. Nothing in this Paragraph shall prohibit the Electronic Bingo Card Dabber Device and related systems from tracking a player’s accounts and credits.

(f) Provide a means for all accounting functions related to bingo or progressive or progressive mega bingo games.

(3) (a) The electronic dabber device shall be capable of use with disposable bingo paper or other approved bingo paper which shall be downloaded into the device prior to the start of each game. If disposable paper is used, only disposable bingo paper produced by licensed manufacturers shall be used with electronic dabber devices. Such disposable bingo paper shall be unique and for use

exclusively with an electronic dabber device so that such paper cannot be used in play without the device. No more than one hundred forty-four faces shall be entered for play of any one game at a session.

(b) Each electronic dabber device shall be capable of clearing all disposable bingo card faces downloaded into the device for a specific session upon turning the device off after the last game of the session has been played.

(c) No electronic dabber device shall allow a player to design or redesign bingo cards by generating, arranging, rearranging, or otherwise placing numbers on a card.

B. (1) A manufacturer shall sell, rent, lease, or otherwise supply or provide any electronic dabber device only to a licensed distributor. Devices shall be delivered directly to the distributor’s facility. Contracts for sale, rent, lease, or other provision of electronic dabbing device shall be negotiated by a licensed distributor.

(2) No manufacturer shall sell, rent, lease, or otherwise supply or provide any electronic dabber device to any commercial lessor or his immediate family.

C. (1) A distributor shall sell, rent, lease, or otherwise supply or provide any electronic dabber device only to a licensed charitable organization, qualified association of licensed charitable organizations, or licensed distributor.

(2) No distributor shall sell, rent, lease, or otherwise supply or provide any electronic dabber device to any commercial lessor or his immediate family.

(3) Unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter, each distributor may have at least one employee on site during use of its devices. The licensed distributor shall request payment from the licensed organization immediately after each session in an amount equal to the rental price multiplied by the number of devices used, rented, leased, or otherwise supplied or provided at the session, plus applicable taxes and fees. Payment shall be made by check payable only from the licensed organization’s gaming account and made payable only to the licensed distributor immediately after each session.

D. (1) No commercial lessor or his immediate family shall own or offer for sale, rent,

lease, or otherwise supply or provide to anyone any electronic dabber device.

(2) No entity, any officer, director, or owner of more than two percent of such enterprise which serves as a commercial lessor or the immediate family of any individual referred to in this sentence shall own, sell, rent, lease, or otherwise supply or provide to anyone any electronic dabber device or accept remuneration for storage thereof.

E. (1) No more than two electronic dabber devices may be issued to any one patron who has purchased bingo paper packs for use with the device.

(2) There shall be at least one electronic dabber device to be used as a back up in the event that a device in play malfunctions.

(3) Each device shall be returned at the conclusion of each session and all cards or faces downloaded for play for the concluded session shall be cleared.

F. The office shall adopt any additional rules and regulations necessary to govern the specifications, use, and operations of electronic dabber devices and their related systems, and shall establish a list of manufacturers, distributors, and supplies authorized to provide electronic dabber devices or a list of acceptable modes of the devices, acceptable serial numbers on such models, or manufacturers, distributors, or suppliers.

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