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To: Charitable Gaming Industry

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This memorandum issues pursuant to *La. R. S. 4:702* and addresses recent law changes affecting the Charitable Gaming Industry. Senate Bill 198 (**now Acts 2015, No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session, referred to as “Act”**) by Senator Heitmeier became law upon Governor Jindal’s signature on June 23, 2015. The Act addresses two issues: 1) The rate of compensation authorized to be paid to personnel who assist in the holding, operating, or conducting charitable games of chance; and 2) requirements for distributors of electronic dabber devices provided at charitable games of chance.

Effective June 23, 2015, Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 4, Section 715(A)(2)(b) provides, in part:

Any person, association, or corporation licensed to hold, operate, or conduct any games of chance under any license issued pursuant to this Chapter may compensate, for services rendered, any fifteen employees, including a bingo caller, who assist in the holding, operating, or conducting of such games. The rate of compensation shall be no more than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** dollars per hour and in any event shall not exceed ~~fifty~~ **ninety** dollars per session for any employee ...

Effective June 23, 2015, Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 4, Section 715(B)(2) provides, in part:

Any person, association, or corporation licensed to hold, operate, or conduct any games of chance that benefit the visually and hearing impaired or either, paraplegics, quadriplegics, mentally retarded, or persons sixty years of age or older, under any license issued pursuant to this Chapter may compensate, for services rendered, any fifteen employees who assist in the holding, operating, or conducting of such games. The rate of compensation shall be no more than ~~ten~~ **fifteen** dollars per hour and in any event shall not exceed ~~fifty~~ **ninety** dollars per session for any employee ...

Please note that the increase in compensation is an additional option to charities and **NOT a requirement**. However, if compensation is given, it cannot exceed the rate listed in the statute. The Office of Charitable Gaming will continue to monitor **ALL** expenses related to charitable gaming activities through the organization’s quarterly reporting. The Office of Charitable Gaming will also ascertain that each charity is providing funds to their overall charitable purpose and maintaining financial stability of their gaming activities.

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Effective June 23, 2015, Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 4, Section 739(C)(3) states, in part:

Unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter, each distributor ~~shall~~ **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 ...

Please note this law change is an option for the distributor of electronic dabber devices and the charity to SETTLE upon and **not mandated by law**. The new Law allows the distributor and the charity to reach an agreement where a distributor is NOT required to have an employee on site during the entire charitable gaming activity.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Director of Office of Charitable Gaming