

**§ 704. Office of charitable gaming; creation; employees; records and reports**

A. The office of charitable gaming is hereby created and established in the Department of Revenue. The secretary for the Department of Revenue shall employ such persons as he considers qualified, consistent with civil service regulations, and may incur such expenses as may be required to carry out the provisions of this Chapter. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the office shall be subject to the division of administrative law, and all administrative hearings shall be conducted in accordance therewith.

B. Subject to the exceptions contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, all fees and fines collected or received by the office pursuant to this Chapter shall be paid into the state treasury on or before the twenty-fifth day of each month following such collection or receipt and shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund.

C. The office shall annually prepare and submit a comprehensive report on the scope and nature of charitable gaming activities in this state and the impact of the office on such activities. The report shall be submitted to the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate, the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Section B.

D. Neither the secretary nor any employee of the office shall be an officer, director, or manager of any organization licensed by the state to conduct charitable games of chance or have a direct or indirect financial interest in a commercial lessor or any entity manufacturing or distributing supplies or equipment used in such games.

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