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H.B. No. 2757

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the conduct and promotion of charitable raffles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2002.003(e), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) A nonprofit wildlife conservation association and its local chapters, affiliates, wildlife cooperatives, or units are qualified nonprofit organizations under this chapter if the parent association meets the eligibility criteria under this section other than the requirement prescribed by Subsection (a)(3), (b)(3), (b-1)(3), or (c)(3), as applicable. An association or a local chapter, affiliate, wildlife cooperative, or unit that is eligible under this subsection may not use any proceeds from a raffle conducted under this chapter to attempt to influence legislation or participate or intervene in a political campaign on behalf of a candidate for public office in any manner, including by publishing or distributing a statement or making a campaign contribution. ~~[A nonprofit wildlife conservation association may conduct two raffles each year and each local chapter, affiliate, wildlife cooperative, or unit may conduct two raffles each year under this chapter.]~~ For purposes of this section, a nonprofit wildlife conservation association includes an association that supports wildlife, fish, or fowl.

SECTION 2. Section 2002.052(b), Occupations Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (b) A raffle is not authorized by this chapter if the  
3 organization [~~sells or offers to sell tickets for or~~] awards prizes  
4 in the raffle in the same [~~a~~] calendar month [~~year~~] in which the  
5 organization [~~has~~] previously [~~sold or offered to sell tickets for~~  
6 ~~or~~] awarded prizes in another raffle [~~two or more other raffles~~].  
7 For purposes of this subsection, a raffle conducted in a preceding  
8 calendar month for which a prize or prizes are awarded on a later  
9 date set in accordance with Subsection (e) that occurs in a  
10 subsequent calendar month is not included in the number of raffles  
11 for which prizes are awarded by the organization in that subsequent  
12 calendar month.

13 SECTION 3. Sections 2002.056(b) and (c), Occupations Code,  
14 are amended to read as follows:

15 (b) Except as provided by Subsections (b-1) and (c), the  
16 value of a prize offered or awarded at a raffle that is purchased by  
17 the organization or for which the organization provides any  
18 consideration may not exceed \$75,000 [~~\$50,000~~].

19 (c) A raffle prize may consist of one or more tickets in the  
20 state lottery authorized by Chapter 466, Government Code, with a  
21 face value of \$75,000 [~~\$50,000~~] or less, without regard to whether a  
22 prize in the lottery game to which the ticket or tickets relate  
23 exceeds \$75,000 [~~\$50,000~~].

24 SECTION 4. Sections 2002.052(a) and (c), Occupations Code,  
25 are repealed.

26 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.