

Amend CSSB 270 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 2001.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivisions (9-a) and (9-b) to read as follows:

(9-a) "Electronic pull-tab bingo" means an electronic version of pull-tab bingo in which a person purchases from a point of sale station an electronic ticket face, instead of a ticket made of paper or paper products, that is issued from a finite deal of tickets in which some of the tickets have been designated in advance as winning tickets.

(9-b) "Electronic pull-tab minding device" means an electronic device, including a card-minding device, that displays an electronic pull-tab bingo ticket face purchased by a person.

SECTION _____. Section 2001.054, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2001.054. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY. (a) The commission may adopt rules to enforce and administer this chapter.

(b) The commission has broad authority to adopt rules to administer Sections 2001.409(b) and 2001.4095.

SECTION _____. Section 2001.408, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2001.408. OTHER METHODS FOR PLAYING BINGO. Subject to the commission's rules, bingo may be played using a pull-tab bingo ticket or an electronic pull-tab bingo ticket.

SECTION _____. Section 2001.409, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2001.409. CARD-MINDING DEVICES. (a) A person may not use a card-minding device:

(1) to generate [~~or determine~~] the random letters, numbers, or other symbols used in playing the bingo card played with the device's assistance;

(2) as a receptacle for the deposit of tokens or money in payment for playing the bingo card played with the device's assistance; or

(3) as a dispenser for the payment of a bingo prize, including coins, paper currency, or a thing of value for the bingo

card played with the device's assistance.

(b) A person may use a card-minding device to:

(1) account for and track electronic credits purchased at a point of sale station or won by playing bingo or electronic pull-tab bingo; and

(2) exchange electronic credits described by Subdivision (1) through an electronic communication with a point of sale station for electronic bingo card faces or electronic pull-tab bingo tickets that may be played by the person during a bingo occasion. ~~[Not more than 40 percent of the individuals attending a bingo occasion, based on the average of two previously submitted quarterly reports, may use electronic or mechanical card-minding devices. This subsection does not apply to pull-tab bingo.]~~

SECTION _____. Subchapter I, Chapter 2001, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 2001.4095 to read as follows:

Sec. 2001.4095. ELECTRONIC PULL-TAB MINDING DEVICES. (a) A person may not use an electronic pull-tab minding device:

(1) to generate random letters, numbers, or other symbols used in playing bingo;

(2) to affect the chances of winning at bingo; or

(3) as a dispenser for the payment of a bingo prize, including coins, paper currency, or another thing of value.

(b) An electronic pull-tab minding device must be manufactured in accordance with the specifications prescribed by commission rule and is subject to testing by the commission.

(c) The commission may audit sales records relating to the sale of electronic pull-tab bingo ticket faces. The commission may investigate a violation or alleged violation of this section.

(d) The commission at any time may inspect an electronic pull-tab minding device.

(e) The manufacturer of an electronic pull-tab minding device shall maintain a central communications system or facility to provide the commission with the ability to review and audit electronic pull-tab bingo sales records.

SECTION _____. Subchapter I, Chapter 2001, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 2001.421 to read as follows:

Sec. 2001.421. PRIZE PAYOUT PERCENTAGE. The prize payout

percentage for an electronic pull-tab bingo game may not be less than the prize payout percentage established for a paper pull-tab bingo game.

SECTION _____. The Texas Lottery Commission shall adopt rules to administer electronic pull-tab bingo and regulate electronic pull-tab minding devices under Chapter 2001, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, not later than October 1, 2003, and may adopt the initial rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules.