

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 6

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Licensing & Administrative Procedures  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, Texas law provides that a lottery ticket holder forfeits any claim or entitlement to a prize after 180 days after the date on which the winning numbers were selected or after the end of the game, in the case of an instant scratch-off ticket. As proposed, S.B. 6 extends for certain military personnel the period in which a lottery prize may be claimed.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

Amends Section 466.408, Government Code, by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (e)-(h), as follows:

- (d) Includes a reference to the exemptions set forth in Subsection (e).
- (e) Authorizes an eligible person serving on active military duty in any branch of the United States armed forces during a war or national emergency declared in accordance with federal law to claim a lottery prize not later than the 90th day after the date on which the earliest of certain situations occurs.
- (f) Authorizes the Texas Lottery Commission to deduct money paid to an eligible person under Subsection (e) from prize money that would otherwise be deposited under Subsection (b).
- (g) Defines what is considered active duty.
- (h) Defines "eligible person."

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.