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H.B. No. 1468

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain prohibitions against operating video sweepstakes in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.001, Business & Commerce Code, as added by Chapter 1119, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended by adding Subdivision (8) to read as follows:

(8) "Video sweepstakes" means a coin-operated machine with a video interface operated for pleasure that dispenses as a reward for play:

(A) money;

(B) items redeemable for money; or

(C) merchandise.

SECTION 2. The heading of Section 43.002, Business & Commerce Code, as added by Chapter 1119, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.002. SWEEPSTAKES BY MAIL [~~OFFENSES~~].

SECTION 3. Chapter 43, Business & Commerce Code, as added by Chapter 1119, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended by adding Section 43.0025 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.0025. VIDEO SWEEPSTAKES. A person may not operate a video sweepstakes in this state. This section does not authorize any otherwise illegal activity.

1 SECTION 4. Section 43.003, Business & Commerce Code, as
2 added by Chapter 1119, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular
3 Session, 2001, is amended by adding Subsection (p) to read as
4 follows:

5 (p) Section 43.0025 does not apply to a video sweepstakes
6 operated at a facility of a nonprofit veterans organization.

7 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.