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H.B. No. 1813

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the conduct of a raffle by a qualified nonprofit
3 organization.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2002.052, Occupations Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

7 (d) Before selling or offering to sell tickets for a raffle,
8 a qualified organization shall set a date on which the organization
9 will award the prize or prizes in a raffle. The organization must
10 award the prize or prizes on that date unless the organization
11 becomes unable to award the prize or prizes on that date.

12 (e) A qualified organization that is unable to award a prize
13 or prizes on the date set under Subsection (d) may set another date
14 not later than 30 days from the date originally set on which the
15 organization will award the prize or prizes.

16 (f) If the prize or prizes are not awarded within the 30 days
17 as required by Subsection (e), the organization must refund or
18 offer to refund the amount paid by each person who purchased a
19 ticket for the raffle.

20 SECTION 2. Section 2002.055, Occupations Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 2002.055. TICKET DISCLOSURES. The following
23 information must be printed on each raffle ticket sold or offered
24 for sale:

- 1 (1) the name of the organization conducting the
2 raffle;
- 3 (2) the address of the organization or of a named
4 officer of the organization;
- 5 (3) the ticket price; [~~and~~]
- 6 (4) a general description of each prize having a value
7 of more than \$10 to be awarded in the raffle; and
- 8 (5) the date on which the raffle prize or prizes will
9 be awarded.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
11 applies only to a raffle for which tickets are initially sold or
12 offered for sale on or after that date. A raffle for which tickets
13 are sold or offered for sale before the effective date of this Act
14 is covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective
15 date, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.