

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 2002.055. TICKET DISCLOSURES. The following information must be printed on each raffle ticket sold or offered 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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1813 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1813 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor