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H.B. No. 1813

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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 that 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 offer  
18 to refund the amount paid by each person who purchased a ticket for  
19 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.