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H.B. No. 2056

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the maximum value of a charitable raffle prize.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2002.056(b) and (c), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the value of a prize offered or awarded at a raffle that is purchased by the organization or for which the organization provides any consideration may not exceed \$250,000 [~~\$50,000~~].

(c) A raffle prize may consist of one or more tickets in the state lottery authorized by Chapter 466, Government Code, with a face value of \$250,000 [~~\$50,000~~] or less, without regard to whether a prize in the lottery game to which the ticket or tickets relate exceeds \$250,000 [~~\$50,000~~].

SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(b) The change in law made by this Act applies to a raffle conducted under Chapter 2002, Occupations Code, if the prizes are awarded on or after the effective date of this Act. A raffle for which the prizes are awarded before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the prizes were awarded, and

1 the former law is continued in effect for purposes of any criminal  
2 liability arising under that law before the effective date of this  
3 Act.