

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 175
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, certain non-profit organizations incorporated under the Texas Non-Profit Corporations Act are authorized by law to conduct charitable raffles. However, non-profit organizations incorporated under Article 1399 (Lodges), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes are not authorized to conduct such raffles.

H.B. 175 authorizes a grand lodge, its local lodges, and other institutions incorporated under the provisions of Article 1399, to conduct raffles under the provisions of the Charitable Raffle Enabling Act.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2002.003, Occupations Code, by adding Subsection (b-1), as follows:

(b-1) Provides that an organization that is formally recognized as and that operates as a local chapter, affiliate, unit, or subordinate lodge of a grand lodge or other institution or order incorporated under Title 32, Revised Statutes, as authorized by Article 1399, Revised Statutes, is a qualified nonprofit organization if certain requirements are met.

SECTION 2. Effective date: Immediately, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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