

By: Martinez

H.B. No. 97

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of the net proceeds of bingo by a veterans organization.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2001.454, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The charitable purposes of a veterans organization include advancing the interests of veterans and active-duty personnel of the armed forces of the United States and their dependents, including veterans and active-duty personnel who are members or officers of the organization. To achieve its charitable purposes, a veterans organization may use the net proceeds of bingo and rental of premises to provide bona fide services and programs for the organization's members and officers based on need or merit.

SECTION 2. 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, 2007.