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H.B. No. 2265

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the award of prizes in, and the conduct of, a
3 progressive bingo game.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2001.002, Occupations Code, is amended
6 by adding Subdivisions (8-a), (13-a), and (23-a) to read as
7 follows:

8 (8-a) "Consolation prize" means a prize offered or
9 awarded by a licensed authorized organization to a player in a
10 progressive bingo game at a bingo occasion during which no player
11 wins the jackpot prize for the progressive bingo game.

12 (13-a) "Jackpot prize" means a prize offered or
13 awarded by a licensed authorized organization to the winner of a
14 progressive bingo game.

15 (23-a) "Progressive bingo game" means a bingo game in
16 which the prize amount may be increased over successive bingo
17 occasions of the same licensed authorized organization until a
18 player completes the winning pattern for the game specified by the
19 organization.

20 SECTION 2. Section 2001.420, Occupations Code, is amended
21 by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (d),
22 (e), and (f) to read as follows:

23 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a [A] bingo prize
24 may not have a value of more than \$750 for a single game.

1 (b) For bingo games other than pull-tab bingo or progressive
2 bingo games, a person may not offer or award on a single bingo
3 occasion prizes with an aggregate value of more than \$2,500. A
4 jackpot prize or consolation prize offered or awarded in a
5 progressive bingo game during a bingo occasion is not included in
6 the aggregated value of prizes awarded at a single bingo occasion
7 for purposes of this subsection.

8 (d) A jackpot prize or consolation prize may not have a
9 value of more than \$2,500 for a single progressive bingo game.

10 (e) A licensed authorized organization may offer only one
11 progressive bingo game during each bingo occasion.

12 (f) A consolation prize in a progressive bingo game
13 described by Subsection (b):

14 (1) may not exceed \$250; and

15 (2) may be offered only once during each bingo
16 occasion.

17 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
18 of this Act, the Texas Lottery Commission shall adopt the rules
19 necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act to
20 Chapter 2001, Occupations Code.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.