

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Section 2001.420, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1), (d), (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

(b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a person may offer or award on a single bingo occasion prizes for progressive bingo games

1 with an aggregate value of more than the maximum amount prescribed
2 by Subsection (b). A jackpot prize or consolation prize offered or
3 awarded in a progressive bingo game during a bingo occasion is not
4 included in the aggregated value of prizes awarded at a single bingo
5 occasion for purposes of Subsection (b).

6 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a jackpot prize for a
7 single progressive bingo game may have a value of not more than
8 \$2,500.

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

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

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

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

16 (g) Subsections (b-1), (d), (e), and (f) and this subsection
17 expire September 1, 2011.

18 SECTION 3. Effective September 1, 2011, Sections
19 2001.002(8-a), (13-a), and (23-a), Occupations Code, are repealed.

20 SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2011, the Texas Lottery
21 Commission shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant
22 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
23 members of the legislature a report on:

24 (1) the implementation of progressive bingo by
25 licensed authorized organizations as authorized by the changes in
26 law made by this Act; and

27 (2) the effect of the implementation on net bingo

1 proceeds available for charitable purposes.

2 SECTION 5. As soon as practicable after the effective date
3 of this Act, the Texas Lottery Commission shall adopt the rules
4 necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act to
5 Chapter 2001, Occupations Code.

6 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2265 was passed by the House on April 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 105, Nays 31, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2265 on May 26, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2265 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 100, Nays 43, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2265

I certify that H.B. No. 2265 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2265 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 6.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor