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H.B. No. 2739

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sale of lottery tickets at a location at which a person holds an alcoholic beverage permit.

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

SECTION 1. Section 466.155(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After a hearing, the director shall deny an application for a license or the commission shall suspend or revoke a license if the director or commission, as applicable, finds that the applicant or sales agent:

(1) is an individual who:

(A) has been convicted of a felony, criminal fraud, gambling or a gambling-related offense, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, if less than 10 years has elapsed since the termination of the sentence, parole, mandatory supervision, or probation served for the offense;

(B) is or has been a professional gambler;

(C) is married to an individual:

(i) described in Paragraph (A) or (B); or

(ii) who is currently delinquent in the payment of any state tax;

(D) is an officer or employee of the commission or a lottery operator; or

(E) is a spouse, child, brother, sister, or

1 parent residing as a member of the same household in the principal
2 place of residence of a person described by Paragraph (D);

3 (2) is not an individual, and an individual described
4 in Subdivision (1):

5 (A) is an officer or director of the applicant or
6 sales agent;

7 (B) holds more than 10 percent of the stock in the
8 applicant or sales agent;

9 (C) holds an equitable interest greater than 10
10 percent in the applicant or sales agent;

11 (D) is a creditor of the applicant or sales agent
12 who holds more than 10 percent of the applicant's or sales agent's
13 outstanding debt;

14 (E) is the owner or lessee of a business that the
15 applicant or sales agent conducts or through which the applicant
16 will conduct a ticket sales agency;

17 (F) shares or will share in the profits, other
18 than stock dividends, of the applicant or sales agent; or

19 (G) participates in managing the affairs of the
20 applicant or sales agent;

21 (3) has been finally determined to be:

22 (A) delinquent in the payment of a tax or other
23 money collected by the comptroller, the Texas Workforce Commission,
24 or the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

25 (B) in default on a loan made under Chapter 52,
26 Education Code; or

27 (C) in default on a loan guaranteed under Chapter

1 57, Education Code;

2 (4) is a person whose location for the sales agency is:

3 (A) a location licensed for games of bingo under
4 Chapter 2001, Occupations Code; or

5 (B) on land that is owned by:

6 (i) this state; or

7 (ii) a political subdivision of this state
8 and on which is located a public primary or secondary school, an
9 institution of higher education, or an agency of the state; or

10 [~~(C) a location for which a person holds a wine
11 and beer retailer's permit, mixed beverage permit, mixed beverage
12 late hours permit, private club registration permit, or private
13 club late hours permit issued under Chapter 25, 28, 29, 32, or 33,
14 Alcoholic Beverage Code; or]~~

15 (5) has violated this chapter or a rule adopted under
16 this chapter.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.