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S.B. No. 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain nonprofit wildlife conservation associations to conduct charitable raffles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2002.003, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A nonprofit wildlife conservation association and its local chapters are qualified nonprofit organizations under this chapter if the association or local chapter meets the eligibility criteria under this section other than the requirement prescribed by Subsection (a)(3), (b)(3), (b-1)(3), or (c)(3), as applicable. An association or local chapter that is eligible under this subsection may not use any proceeds from a raffle conducted under this chapter to attempt to influence legislation or participate or intervene in a political campaign on behalf of a candidate for public office in any manner, including by publishing or distributing statements or making a campaign contribution. A nonprofit wildlife conservation association may conduct two raffles each year and each local chapter may conduct two raffles each year under this chapter.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.