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H.B. No. 457

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to restrictions on the promotion and operation of  
3 charitable raffles.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 2002.054(a) and (b), Occupations Code,  
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The organization may not:

8 (1) directly or indirectly, by the use of paid  
9 advertising, promote a raffle through a medium of mass  
10 communication, including television, radio, or newspaper;

11 (2) promote or advertise a raffle statewide, other  
12 than on the organization's Internet website or through a  
13 publication or solicitation, including a newsletter, social media,  
14 or electronic mail, provided only to previously identified  
15 supporters of the organization; or

16 (3) sell or offer to sell tickets for a raffle  
17 statewide.

18 (b) Except as provided by this subsection, the [The]  
19 organization may not compensate a person directly or indirectly for  
20 organizing or conducting a raffle or for selling or offering to sell  
21 tickets to a raffle. A member of the organization who is employed  
22 by the organization may organize and conduct a raffle, but the  
23 member's work organizing or conducting a raffle may not be more than  
24 a de minimis portion of the member's employment with the

1 organization.

2           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.