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S.B. No. 1342

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of bingo proceeds by licensed authorized
3 organizations, including the use of proceeds to provide health
4 insurance or health insurance benefits to certain employees.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2001.458, Occupations Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2001.458. ITEMS OF EXPENSE. (a) An item of expense
9 may not be incurred or paid in connection with the conduct of bingo
10 except an expense that is reasonable or necessary to conduct bingo,
11 including an expense for:

12 (1) advertising, including the cost of printing bingo
13 gift certificates;

14 (2) security;

15 (3) repairs to premises and equipment;

16 (4) bingo supplies and equipment;

17 (5) prizes;

18 (6) stated rental or mortgage and insurance expenses;

19 (7) bookkeeping, legal, or accounting services
20 related to bingo;

21 (8) fees for bingo chairpersons, operators, managers,
22 salespersons, callers, cashiers, ushers, janitorial services, and
23 utility supplies and services;

24 (9) health insurance or health insurance benefits for

1 bingo chairpersons, operators, managers, salespersons, callers,
2 cashiers, and ushers, as provided by Subsection (b);

3 (10) license fees;

4 (11) [~~(10)~~] attending a bingo seminar or convention
5 required under Section 2001.107; and

6 (12) [~~(11)~~] debit card transaction fees and electronic
7 funds transfer fees.

8 (b) The value of health insurance or [~~a~~] health insurance
9 benefits [~~benefit~~] provided by a licensed authorized organization
10 to an employee may not exceed 50 percent of the total premium owed
11 [is not included under Subsection (a)(8)]. If an employee is
12 employed by more than one licensed authorized organization, the
13 combined value of health insurance or health insurance benefits
14 provided to the employee by the employing organizations may not
15 exceed 50 percent of the total premium owed.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.