

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.B. No. 2027

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the amount of unclaimed lottery prize money to be deposited in the fund for veterans' assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Section 466.408(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a claim is not made for prize money on or before the 180th day after the date on which the winner was selected, the prize money shall be used in the following order of priority:

(1) subject to legislative appropriation, not more than \$20 million in prize money each year may be deposited to or appropriated from the ~~[Texas]~~ Department of State Health Services state-owned multicategorical teaching hospital account, which is an account in the general revenue fund;

(2) not more than \$5 million in prize money each year may be appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission and shall be used to support the provision of inpatient hospital services in hospitals located in the 15 counties that comprise the Texas-Mexico border area, with payment for those services to be not less than the amount established under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) cost reimbursement methodology for the hospital providing the services;

(3) in each state fiscal year, ~~[the remaining amount, not to exceed]~~ \$5 million in prize money ~~[in each state fiscal year~~

1 ~~less any amount deposited in the fund in that year attributable to~~  
2 ~~the lottery game operated under Section 466.027,~~] shall be  
3 deposited to the fund for veterans' assistance; and

4           (4) all prize money subject to this section and not  
5 appropriated or deposited as provided by Subdivision (1), (2), or  
6 (3) [~~from the Texas Department of Health state-owned~~  
7 ~~multicategorical teaching hospital account, not appropriated to~~  
8 ~~the Health and Human Services Commission for the purpose specified~~  
9 ~~in Subdivision (2), and not deposited under Subdivision (3),~~] shall  
10 be deposited in the general revenue fund and may be appropriated for  
11 any purpose as determined by the legislature, including the  
12 provision of indigent health care services as specified in Chapter  
13 61, Health and Safety Code.

14           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
15 466.408(b), Government Code, applies only to a prize for which the  
16 winner is selected on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
17 prize for which the winner was selected before that date is governed  
18 by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of  
19 this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.