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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB394 by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to limits on prizes for bingo games.), As Engrossed

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB394, As Engrossed: a positive impact of \$383,000 through the biennium ending August 31, 2015, if the effective date of the bill is June 1, 2013; or a positive impact of \$341,000 through the biennium ending August 31, 2015, if the effective date of the bill is September 1, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

All Funds, Six-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Revenue Gain from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1 |
|-------------|--|
| 2013 | \$42,000 |
| 2014 | \$169,000 |
| 2015 | \$172,000 |
| 2016 | \$176,000 |
| 2017 | \$180,000 |
| 2018 | \$185,000 |

The table above assumes an effective date of June 1, 2013, while the table below assumes an effective date of September 1, 2013.

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Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to limits on prizes for certain bingo games. The bill would allow for total bingo prizes in excess of \$2,500 per occasion for bingo occasions that award individual game prizes of \$50 or less per game.

The bill would take effect immediately upon enactment if it receives a two-thirds majority vote in both house of the Legislature. Otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.

Methodology

The Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates that implementing the provisions of the bill would have a positive effect on bingo prize fee revenue deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund which is reflected in the tables above. Additionally, the Texas Lottery Commission would need to make changes to programming, rules and procedures for the exception of bingo games under the provisions of the bill; however, it is assumed that any duties and responsibilities associated with implementation of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 362 Texas Lottery Commission

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