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**TO:** Honorable Wayne Smith, Chair, House Committee On Licensing & Administrative Procedures

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB394, As Introduced: 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 General Revenue Fund 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.

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue Fund 1
2014	\$169,000
2015	\$172,000
2016	\$176,000
2017	\$180,000
2018	\$185,000

**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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