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H.B. No. 410

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the amount of unclaimed lottery prize money to be
3 deposited in the fund for veterans' assistance.

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

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

7 (b) If a claim is not made for prize money on or before the
8 180th day after the date on which the winner was selected, the prize
9 money shall be used in the following order of priority:

10 (1) subject to legislative appropriation, not more
11 than \$20 million in prize money each year may be deposited to the
12 Department of State Health Services state-owned multicategorical
13 teaching hospital account, which is an account in the general
14 revenue fund, or appropriated from that account to provide indigent
15 health care services as specified in Chapter 61, Health and Safety
16 Code;

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

1 (3) in each state fiscal year, [~~the remaining amount,~~
2 ~~not to exceed~~] \$5 million in prize money [~~in each state fiscal year~~
3 ~~less any amount deposited in the fund in that year attributable to~~
4 ~~the lottery game operated under Section 466.027,~~] shall be
5 deposited to the fund for veterans' assistance; and

6 (4) all prize money subject to this section and not
7 deposited or appropriated in accordance with Subdivision (1), (2),
8 or (3) shall be deposited to the credit of the foundation school
9 fund.

10 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
11 466.408(b), Government Code, applies only to a prize for which the
12 winner is selected on or after the effective date of this Act. A
13 prize for which the winner was selected before that date is governed
14 by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of
15 this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.