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H.B. No. 1708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prizes awarded in certain pull-tab bingo games.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2001.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (6-a) to read as follows:

(6-a) "Carryover pull-tab bingo" means a form of pull-tab bingo played in successive rounds, in which a portion of the bingo prize awarded each round is paid into a jackpot prize, the winner of each round has the opportunity to win the jackpot prize, and the play continues until the jackpot prize is awarded.

SECTION 2. Section 2001.420, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Except for a jackpot prize awarded in a carryover pull-tab bingo game, a [A] bingo prize may not have a value of more than \$750 for a single game.

(b) A person may not offer or award on a single bingo occasion prizes with an aggregate value of more than \$2,500 for all bingo games other than:

(1) pull-tab bingo, including carryover pull-tab bingo; or

(2) bingo games that award individual prizes of \$50 or less.

(d) A jackpot prize awarded in a carryover pull-tab bingo

1 game may not have a value of more than \$10,000.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.