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H.B. No. 2644

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting the use of money in the Texas economic development fund or the Texas Enterprise Fund to finance a facility or establishment at which gambling is to be conducted.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.0272, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Money in the Texas economic development fund may not be used to finance a facility or establishment at which gambling is to be conducted, including bingo and wagering on greyhound or horse racing.

SECTION 2. Section 481.078, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-2) to read as follows:

(e-2) The governor may not award a grant to an entity to finance a facility or establishment at which gambling is to be conducted, including bingo and wagering on greyhound or horse racing.

SECTION 3. Section 481.078(e-2), Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a grant awarded on or after the effective date of this Act. A grant awarded before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the grant was awarded, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.