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H.B. No. 3125

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to charitable raffles conducted by the charitable
foundations of certain professional sports teams.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2004.002, Occupations Code, is amended
by adding Subdivision (1-a) and amending Subdivision (2) to read as
follows:

(1-a) "Debit card" has the meaning assigned by Section
32.31, Penal Code.

(2) "Professional sports team" means:

(A) a team organized in this state that is a
member of Major League Baseball, the National Basketball
Association, the National Hockey League, the National Football
League, ~~or~~ Major League Soccer, the American Hockey League, the
East Coast Hockey League, the American Association of Independent
Professional Baseball, the Atlantic League of Professional
Baseball, Minor League Baseball, the National Basketball
Association Development League, the National Women's Soccer
League, the Major Arena Soccer League, the United Soccer League, or
the Women's National Basketball Association;

(B) a person hosting a motorsports racing team
event sanctioned by the National Association for Stock Car Auto
Racing (NASCAR), INDYCar, or another nationally recognized
motorsports racing association at a venue in this state with a

1 permanent seating capacity of not less than 75,000; or

2 (C) an organization hosting a Professional Golf
3 Association event.

4 SECTION 2. Section 2004.009(a), Occupations Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) A person commits an offense if the person accepts any
7 form of payment other than United States currency or a debit card
8 for the purchase of a raffle ticket for a charitable raffle
9 conducted under this chapter.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on December 1, 2017, but
11 only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th
12 Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, to authorize additional
13 professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct
14 charitable raffles at additional venues is approved by the voters.
15 If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no
16 effect.