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TO: Honorable Tracy O. King, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
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IN RE: HB2669 by Guillen (Relating to the authorization and regulation of social gaming establishments and the duties of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation; providing civil and administrative penalties; authorizing a fee; requiring an occupational license.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create a new chapter in the Occupations Code, the Social Gaming Act, which would require the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to regulate social gaming establishments in the state. Based on information provided by TDLR, Office of the Attorney General, and Department of Public Safety, the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources. According to the Texas Lottery Commission, the bill's authorization to expand gaming may result in a decline in lottery revenue to the Foundation School Fund, the Texas Veterans Commission's Fund for Veterans' Assistance, and annual gross receipts for Charitable Bingo due to increased gaming competition in the state, however, based on an estimate of 50 social gaming establishments that would receive licenses from TDLR, this effect on revenue is not expected to be significant.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts,
362 Texas Lottery Commission, 405 Department of Public Safety, 452
Department of Licensing and Regulation

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