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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2570 |
| By: Kuempel |
| Licensing & Administrative Procedures |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  There are concerns about the decline of charitable bingo in Texas due to competition from other gambling-related activities. H.B. 2570 seeks to address these concerns by providing for a carryover pull-tab bingo game as a form of pull-tab bingo, including setting the maximum prize value for a game. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 2570 amends the Occupations Code to set $10,000 as the maximum value for a jackpot prize awarded in a single carryover pull-tab bingo game and to clarify that carryover pull-tab bingo is excepted from the prohibition against offering or awarding prizes with an aggregate value of more than $2,500 on a single bingo occasion. The bill defines "carryover pull-tab bingo" and excludes games played on a gambling device from that definition. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021. |