By:  Krause, Bucy H.B. No. 2168

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to ticket sales for 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 2004.004, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1)  Raffle tickets for a charitable raffle conducted under Subsection (a) may be sold:

(1)  at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with the foundation conducting the raffle; or

(2)  through digital interactive media, including an Internet website of or mobile application provided by the professional sports team associated with the foundation conducting the raffle, restricted by a virtual geographic boundary or other similar technology that limits the raffle ticket sales to only the home venue.

(a-2)  Raffle tickets sold under Subsection (a-1)(2) may only be sold to individuals physically present at the home venue at the time of the sale.

SECTION 2.  Sections 2004.002(1-a) and 2004.009(a), Occupations Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3.  The repeal by this Act of Section 2004.009(a), Occupations Code, does not apply to an offense committed under that section before the effective date of the repeal. An offense committed before the effective date of the repeal is governed by the law as it existed on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of the repeal if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.