

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, nonprofit wildlife conservation organizations are unable to sell raffle tickets online. These organizations note that doing so would afford them a more streamlined process for volunteers and purchasers and would enhance fundraising opportunities for their members and supporters, ultimately benefiting their conservation projects. H.B. 2138 seeks to address this issue by authorizing a nonprofit wildlife conservation association to sell raffle tickets to its supporters through the Internet.

H.B. 2138 amends current law relating to the sale of charitable raffle tickets by certain nonprofit wildlife conservation associations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2002.054, Occupations Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1), as follows:

(a) Creates an exception under Subsection (a-1).

(a-1) Authorizes a nonprofit wildlife conservation association, including each local chapter, affiliate, wildlife cooperative, or unit, that for purposes of Chapter 2002 (Charitable Raffles) is a qualified nonprofit organization eligible under Section 2002.003(e) (relating to providing that a nonprofit wildlife conservation association and its local chapters, affiliates, wildlife cooperatives, or units are qualified nonprofit organizations if the parent association meets certain eligibility criteria), to use the organization's Internet website to sell or offer to sell tickets for a raffle to previously identified supporters of the organization.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2023.