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S.B. No. 1582

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sale of charitable raffle tickets by certain nonprofit wildlife conservation associations.

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

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

(a) The organization may not:

(1) directly or indirectly, by the use of paid advertising, promote a raffle through a medium of mass communication, including television, radio, or newspaper;

(2) promote or advertise a raffle statewide, other than on the organization's Internet website or through a publication or solicitation, including a newsletter, social media, or electronic mail, provided only to previously identified supporters of the organization; or

(3) sell or offer to sell tickets for a raffle statewide, except as provided by Subsection (a-1).

(a-1) A nonprofit wildlife conservation association, including each local chapter, affiliate, wildlife cooperative, or unit, that for purposes of this chapter is a qualified nonprofit organization eligible under Section 2002.003(e), may use the organization's Internet website to sell or offer to sell tickets for a raffle to previously identified supporters of the

1 organization.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.