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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the sale of charitable raffle tickets by certain
- 3 nonprofit wildlife conservation associations.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 2002.054, Occupations Code, is amended
- 6 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 (a) The organization may not:
- 9 (1) directly or indirectly, by the use of paid
- 10 advertising, promote a raffle through a medium of mass
- 11 communication, including television, radio, or newspaper;
- 12 (2) promote or advertise a raffle statewide, other
- 13 than on the organization's Internet website or through a
- 14 publication or solicitation, including a newsletter, social media,
- 15 or electronic mail, provided only to previously identified
- 16 supporters of the organization; or
- 17 (3) sell or offer to sell tickets for a raffle
- 18 statewide, except as provided by Subsection (a-1).
- 19 (a-1) A nonprofit wildlife conservation association,
- 20 including each local chapter, affiliate, wildlife cooperative, or
- 21 unit, that for purposes of this chapter is a qualified nonprofit
- 22 <u>organization eligible under Section 2002.003(e)</u>, may use the
- 23 organization's Internet website to sell or offer to sell tickets
- 24 for a raffle to previously identified supporters of the

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- 1 organization. This subsection does not authorize the use of an
- 2 Internet website to:
- 3 (1) provide a graphic or dynamic animation of an entry
- 4 to a raffle; or
- 5 (2) provide a graphic or dynamic animation of the
- 6 drawing of raffle tickets.
- 7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 11 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.