

1-1 By: Hall, et al. S.B. No. 28
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2025;
1-3 February 20, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 State Affairs; February 25, 2025, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; February 25, 2025, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Paxton	X		
1-11	Bettencourt	X		
1-12	Birdwell	X		
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-15	Middleton	X		
1-16	Parker		X	
1-17	Perry		X	
1-18	Schwertner	X		
1-19	Zaffirini	X		

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to a lottery game played or facilitated for play by
1-23 telephone or through an Internet or mobile Internet application;
1-24 creating criminal offenses.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 466.015(b), Government Code, is amended
1-27 to read as follows:

1-28 (b) The commission shall adopt rules to the extent they are
1-29 not inconsistent with Chapters 551 and 552 governing the:

1-30 (1) security for the lottery and the commission,
1-31 including the development of an internal security plan;

1-32 (2) apportionment of the total revenues from the sale
1-33 of tickets and from all other sources in the amounts provided by
1-34 this chapter;

1-35 (3) enforcement of prohibitions on the sale of tickets
1-36 to or by an individual younger than 18 years of age; and

1-37 (4) enforcement of prohibitions on a person playing or
1-38 facilitating the play of a lottery game by telephone or through an
1-39 Internet application or mobile Internet application in violation of
1-40 Section 466.318.

1-41 SECTION 2. Subchapter G, Chapter 466, Government Code, is
1-42 amended by adding Section 466.318 to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 466.318. PLAY OR FACILITATING PLAY BY TELEPHONE OR BY
1-44 INTERNET OR MOBILE INTERNET APPLICATION. (a) A person may not by
1-45 telephone or through an Internet application or mobile Internet
1-46 application:

1-47 (1) purchase or order the purchase of a ticket for a
1-48 lottery game; or

1-49 (2) for compensation:

1-50 (A) accept an order for a ticket for a lottery
1-51 game from a player;

1-52 (B) sell a ticket for a lottery game to a player;
1-53 or

1-54 (C) arrange:

1-55 (i) to purchase a ticket on behalf of a
1-56 person playing a lottery game; or

1-57 (ii) for another person to purchase a
1-58 ticket on behalf of a person playing a lottery game.

1-59 (b) A person commits an offense if the person violates this
1-60 section.

1-61 (c) An offense under Subsection (a)(1) is a Class C

2-1 misdemeanor.
2-2 (d) An offense under Subsection (a)(2) is a Class A
2-3 misdemeanor.
2-4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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