

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Progressive bingo is a specific type of bingo game in which a player must achieve a specific pattern by the time a certain number of bingo balls have been selected. If the player does not achieve the specific pattern within the specified number of balls, the game continues until someone achieves a winning pattern. A consolation prize is awarded and the remainder of the prize amount is carried over and added to the next progressive bingo game. H.B. 2119 authorizes a licensed authorized organization to conduct a progressive bingo game.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Lottery Commission in SECTION 2 (Section 2001.421, Occupations Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2001.002, Occupations Code, by adding Subdivision (29) to define "progressive bingo."

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 2001I, Occupations Code, by adding Section 2001.421, as follows:

Sec. 2001.421. PROGRESSIVE BINGO GAMES. (a) Authorizes a licensed authorized organization to conduct a progressive bingo game.

(b) Authorizes only one progressive bingo game to be conducted during a bingo occasion.

(c) Provides that Section 2001.420(a) does not apply to a progressive bingo game. Provides that the prizes awarded in a progressive bingo game are not included in the aggregated value of prizes awarded at a single bingo occasion for purposes of Section 2001.420(b).

(d) Prohibits the prize offered or awarded for a progressive bingo game from exceeding \$750 at the first bingo occasion during which the game is played and authorizes the prize to be increased by not more than \$500 at each successive bingo occasion at which the game is played until the game is won.

(e) Requires a progressive bingo game, if the prize for the game is not awarded at a bingo occasion, to be continued at a future bingo occasion of the same organization until a winner is declared.

(f) Authorizes a consolation prize of not more than \$250 for a progressive bingo game to be awarded at each bingo occasion during which the game is played.

(g) Authorizes a licensed authorized organization conducting a progressive bingo game to post the rules for the progressive bingo game as part of the organization's house rules before the start of the bingo occasion. Requires the posted rules, except as otherwise required by rule of the

Texas Lottery Commission (commission), to remain in effect until a winner is declared for the progressive bingo game.

(h) Provides that, if more than one licensed authorized organization conducts bingo at the same location, each organization is responsible for the organization's own progressive bingo game.

(i) Requires a licensed authorized organization conducting a progressive bingo game to maintain adequate records relating to the game as required by rule of the commission. Sets forth requirements for the records.

(j) Provides that Sections 2001.502 and 2001.503 apply to a prize awarded in a progressive bingo game, including a consolation prize.

(k) Requires the commission to adopt rules to administer this section.

SECTION 3. (a) Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

(b) Requires the Texas Lottery Commission to adopt rules to administer progressive bingo games under Section 2001.421, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than October 1, 2001. Prohibits a licensed authorized organization from conducting a progressive bingo game under Section 2001.421, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, before the commission adopts those rules.