Chapter 1051

1 AN ACT 2 relating to the regulation of bingo games. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 3 SECTION 1. Sections 2001.305(b) and (c), Occupations Code, 4 are amended to read as follows: 5 6 (b) Immediately after issuing [receiving] a license, the commission [a license holder] shall send a copy of the license to 7 the appropriate governing body. The governing body shall file the 8 copy of the license in a central file containing licenses issued 9 under this chapter. 10 (c) Not later than the 10th day after the date a license is 11 issued, the commission [license holder] shall give written notice 12 of the issuance of the license to: 13 14 (1) the police department of the municipality in which 15 bingo will be conducted, if bingo is to be conducted in a 16 municipality; or 17 (2) the sheriff of the county in which bingo will be conducted, if bingo is to be conducted outside a municipality. 18 : 19 SECTION 2. Section 2001.313(h), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows: 20 21 (h) A licensed authorized organization may employ an 22 individual who is not on the registry established by this section as 23 an operator, manager, cashier, usher, caller, or salesperson on a provisional basis if the individual is awaiting the results of a 24

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H.B. No. 914 background check by the commission: 1 for a period not to exceed 30 [14] days if the 2 (1) 3 individual is a resident of this state; or for a period to be established by commission rule 4 (2) if the individual is not a resident of this state. 5 SECTION 3. Section 2001.419, Occupations Code, is amended 6 by amending Subsections (d) and (e) and adding Subsection (f) to 7 read as follows: 8 (d) If more than one bingo occasion is conducted at the same 9 premises on the same day: 10 the bingo occasions must be announced separately; 11 (1)the licensed times may not overlap; and ; 12 (2) notwithstanding Subsection (e), bingo cards may be 13 (3) sold during a bingo occasion for play during a subsequent bingo 14 occasion that is scheduled to begin at the same premises in not more 15 than eight hours after the sale of cards for the subsequent occasion 16 17 begins. Bingo cards, pull-tab bingo tickets, and the use of 18 (e) 19 card-minding devices [paper] for a bingo occasion may be sold at the licensed premises at any time beginning one hour before the bingo 20 21 occasion and ending at the conclusion of the bingo occasion [begins]. 22 23 (f) If pull-tab bingo tickets are sold by one licensed 24 authorized organization that conducts consecutive bingo occasions 25 during one day, the organization may account for and report all of 26 the pull-tab bingo ticket sales for the occasions as sales for the final occasion. 27

SECTION 4. Section 2001.451(b), Occupations Code, is
 amended to read as follows:

Except as provided by Section 2001.502(a), a [A] 3 (b) licensed authorized organization shall deposit in the bingo account 4 all funds derived from the conduct of bingo, less the amount awarded 5 as cash prizes under Sections 2001.420(a) and (b). Except as 6 provided by Subsection (b-1), a deposit must be made not later than 7 the third [second] business day after the day of the bingo occasion 8 on which the receipts were obtained. 9

SECTION 5. Section 2001.502, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2001.502. PRIZE FEE. (a) A licensed authorized
organization or unit as defined by Section 2001.431 shall:

14 (1) collect from a person who wins a <u>cash</u> bingo prize 15 of more than \$5 a fee in the amount of five percent of the amount [or 16 value] of the prize; and

17 (2) <u>except as otherwise provided by this section</u>,
18 remit to the commission <u>the amount of the</u> [a] fee <u>collected under</u>
19 <u>Subdivision (1)</u> [in the amount of five percent of the amount or
20 value of all bingo prizes of more than \$5 awarded].

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(2), each quarter, a licensed authorized organization or unit that collects a prize fee under Subsection (a) for a bingo game conducted in a county or municipality that was entitled to receive a portion of a bingo prize fee as of January 1, 2019, shall remit 50 percent of the amount collected as the prize fee to the commission and:

27 (1) if the county or municipality in which the bingo

1	game is conducted voted before November 1, 2019, to impose the prize
2	fee, remit 50 percent of the amount collected as the prize fee to:
3	(A) the county that voted to impose the fee by
4	that date, provided the location at which the bingo game is
5	conducted is not within the boundaries of a municipality that voted
6	to impose the prize fee by that date;
7	(B) the municipality that voted to impose the fee
8	by that date, provided the county in which the bingo game is
9	conducted did not vote to impose the fee by that date; or
10	(C) in equal shares, the county and the
11	municipality, provided each voted to impose the fee before that
12	date; or
13	(2) if neither the county or municipality in which the
14	bingo game is conducted voted before November 1, 2019, to impose the
15	prize fee, deposit the remainder of the amount collected as the
16	prize fee in the general charitable fund of the organization or on a
17	pro rata basis to the general funds of the organizations comprising
18	the unit, as applicable, to be used for the charitable purposes of
19	the organization or organizations.
20	(c) The governing body of a county or municipality that
21	voted to impose a prize fee under Subsection (b)(1) may at any time
22	vote to discontinue the imposition of the fee. If a county or
23	municipality votes on or after November 1, 2019, to discontinue the
24	fee, the fees to which the county or municipality, as applicable,
25	was entitled before the vote shall be collected by the licensed
26	authorized organization or unit as defined by Section 2001.431 and
27	deposited as provided by Subsection (b)(2).

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(d) A fee collected under Subsection (a) does not apply to: 1 (1) a merchandise prize awarded as a prize for winning 2 a bingo game, including a bingo card, a pull-tab bingo ticket, a 3 bingo dauber, or other bingo merchandise; or 4 5 (2) the use of a card-minding device awarded as a prize for winning a bingo game. 6 7 SECTION 6. Section 2001.504(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows: 8 A fee on prizes authorized or imposed under this 9 (a) subchapter is due and is payable by the license holder or a person 10 conducting bingo without a license to the commission and county or 11 municipality, as applicable, quarterly on or before the 25th day of 12 13 the month succeeding each calendar quarter. SECTION 7. The heading to Section 2001.507, Occupations 14 Code, is amended to read as follows: 15 16 Sec. 2001.507. COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT [DISBURSEMENT] OF 17 PRIZE FEE. SECTION 8. Section 2001.507, Occupations Code, is amended 18 19 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as 20 follows: The commission shall deposit the revenue collected from 21 (a) 22 the fee on prizes imposed by Section 2001.502 to the credit of [a 23 special account in] the general revenue fund. 24 (a-1) The revenue collected by the commission from the fee on prizes imposed by Section 2001.502 is considered miscellaneous 25 26 revenue for purposes of appropriations made to the commission under 27 the General Appropriations Act for the administration of this

1 chapter.

2 SECTION 9. Section 404.073(c), Government Code, is amended 3 to read as follows:

4 (c) Interest that has been and that will be accrued or 5 earned from deposits made under a law to which this subsection 6 applies is state funds not subject to allocation or distribution to 7 taxing units, cities, or transportation authorities under that law. 8 This subsection applies to:

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Section 205.02, Alcoholic Beverage Code;

(2) [Section 2001.507, Occupations Code;

11 [(3)] Section 403.105(d) of this code;

(3) [(4)] Sections 321.501 and 321.504, Tax Code;

13 (4) [(5)] Sections 322.301 and 322.304, Tax Code; and

14 (5) [(6)] Sections 323.501 and 323.504, Tax Code.

15 SECTION 10. The following provisions of the Occupations 16 Code are repealed:

(1) Section 2001.103(a-1);

18 (2) Section 2001.104;

19 (3) Section 2001.313(b-3);

20 (4) Section 2001.437(i);

(5) Section 2001.503; and

22 (6) Sections 2001.507(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g),
23 (h), and (i).

SECTION 11. (a) A county or municipality may receive a portion of the prize fee collected under Section 2001.502, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, after the effective date of this Act only if:

(1) the county or municipality was entitled to receive
 a portion of a bingo prize fee as of January 1, 2019; and
 (2) the governing body of the county or municipality:

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4 (A) by majority vote of the members of the 5 governing body approves the continued receipt of funds under that 6 section and notifies the Texas Lottery Commission of that decision 7 not later than November 1, 2019; and

8 (B) notifies each licensed authorized 9 organization within the county's or municipality's jurisdiction, as 10 applicable, of the continued imposition of the fee.

11 (b) Not later than October 1, 2019, the Texas Lottery 12 Commission shall notify the governing body of a county or 13 municipality that was entitled to receive a portion of the prize fee 14 collected under Section 2001.502, Occupations Code, as that section 15 existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, of the 16 requirements for continued receipt of the prize fee under that 17 section as provided in Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 12. Section 2001.305, Occupations Code, as amended 18 by this Act, applies only to an authorized organization license or a 19 commercial lessor license that is issued under Chapter 2001, 20 Occupations Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. 21 An authorized organization license or a commercial lessor license 22 23 issued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and 24 25 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

26 SECTION 13. (a) Except as otherwise provided by Subsection 27 (b) of this section, this Act takes effect January 1, 2020.

H.B. No. 914 (b) The following provisions take effect September 1, 2019: 1 2 (1) Section 2001.502(c), Occupations Code, as added by 3 this Act; (2) 4 Section 2001.507(a), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act; and 5 Section 2001.507(a-1), Occupations Code, as added 6 (3) 7 by this Act.

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 914 was passed by the House on April 30, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 914 on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 102, Nays 37, 2 present, not voting.

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I certify that H.B. No. 914 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays Ο.

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