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OF TEXAS**

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Honorable Bob Bullock
Comptroller of Public Accounts
LBJ State Office Building
Austin, Texas 78711

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Dear Mr. Bullock:

On December 23, you wrote to this office in regard to Representative Lloyd Criss' request for an opinion about the legality of awarding a door prize during an intermission between bingo occasions. You were concerned that our interpretation of the provision regarding door prizes would affect one of your office's rules regulating the sale of instant bingo cards before "licensed times" for bingo.

I have enclosed a copy of Attorney General Opinion JM-844, our response to Representative Criss' request. As you will see, our interpretation of the provision regarding door prizes turns on the definition of "bingo occasion," rather than the definition of "licensed times." Also, JM-844 points out that your office's definition of the term "licensed times" appears to be narrower than the term "bingo occasion." Therefore, JM-844 should not affect your rule regulating the sale of instant bingo cards. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Woelk".

Sarah Woelk
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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