

- SUBJECT:** Permitting carryover pull-tab bingo to award prizes of up to \$10,000
- COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedures — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — T. King, Goldman, Harless, Herrero, K. King, Kuempel, Paddie, S. Thompson
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Geren, Guillen, Hernandez
- WITNESSES:** For — Will Martin, American Legion (*Registered, but did not testify*: Steve Bresnen, Bingo Interest Group; Angela Hale, Conservative Texans for Charitable Bingo; Stephen Fenoglio, Texas Charity Advocates; Tom Stewart, Texas Charity Advocates; Kimberly Kiplin, Department of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars)
- Against — None
- On — Michael Farrell, Texas Lottery Commission
- BACKGROUND:** Occupations Code sec. 2001.002(24) defines pull-tab bingo, commonly known as instant bingo or break-open bingo, as a form of bingo played using paper tickets with perforated break-open tabs, the face of which is hidden to conceal numbers, letters, or symbols, some of which have been designated in advance as prize winners. Sec. 2001.420 defines limits on the value of bingo prizes.
- DIGEST:** HB 1186 would establish carryover pull-tab bingo in statute and limit the value of a jackpot prize awarded in a carryover pull-tab bingo game to \$10,000.
- The bill would define carryover pull-tab bingo as a form of pull-tab bingo played in successive event pull-tab bingo deals in which a portion of the bingo prize for each deal would be paid into a jackpot prize. The winner

of each deal would have the opportunity to win the jackpot prize and play would continue until the jackpot prize was awarded. The term would not include a game played on a gambling device.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019.