

**SUBJECT:** Extending the maximum duration of bingo occasions

**COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedures — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 10 ayes — T. King, Goldman, Geren, Guillen, Harless, Hernandez, K. King, Kuempel, Paddie, S. Thompson

0 nays

1 absent — Herrero

**WITNESSES:** For — Will Martin, American Legion; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Steve Bresnen, Bingo Interest Group; TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Angela Hale, Conservative Texans for Charitable Bingo; Kimberly Kiplin, Department of Texas, Veterans of Foreign Wars)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Michael Farrell, Texas Lottery Commission)

**DIGEST:** HB 882 would extend from four hours to six hours the maximum allowable duration of a bingo occasion conducted by licensed authorized organizations and authorized organizations with temporary licenses.

The bill would apply to bingo occasions conducted under licenses issued by the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) before, on, or after the bill's effective date. Holders of unused temporary licenses issued before the bill's effective date could submit to TLC a license amendment or notification that provided the specific date and time of the bingo occasion for which the temporary license would be used.

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.

