

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law limits the usage of electronic card-minding devices based on the paper sales by the conducting organization for that bingo occasion. The cap regarding these devices is currently placed on 30 percent of the gross bingo game sales at each bingo occasion. This bill increases the cap to 40 percent of attendance and not on sales.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 22 prohibits the use of bingo card-minding devices in certain circumstances.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 11(v), Article 179d, V.T.C.S. (Bingo Enabling Act) to provide that no more than 40 percent, rather than 30 percent, of the individuals attending a bingo occasion, based on the average of the two quarterly attendance reports most recently submitted to the Texas Lottery Commission by the authorized organization, may use electronic or mechanic card-minding devices. Deletes reference to gross bingo game sales.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.