

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

While current Texas law prohibits sales agents or their employees from selling lottery tickets to minors, the law does not prohibit minors from purchasing lottery tickets. As proposed, S.B. 257 provides that a minor who purchases a lottery tickets commits a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 466.3051, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 466.3051. New heading: SALE OF TICKET TO OR PURCHASE OF TICKET BY PERSON YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OLD. Provides that an individual under 18 years of age commits an offense if the individual purchases a ticket or falsely claims to be 18 years of age or older by displaying false or fraudulent evidence misrepresenting the person's age in order to purchase a ticket. Provides a defense for an individual younger than 18 participating in a Texas Lottery Commission or other appropriate entity's inspection or investigation regarding compliance with this section. Provides that an offense under Subsection (a) is a Class C misdemeanor unless the defendant is shown to have been previously convicted under Subsection (a), in which case the offense is a Class B misdemeanor. Provides that an offense under Subsection (b) is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.