

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 3370
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DIGEST

Currently, the State Lottery Act contains provisions restricting gifts and political contributions to employees of the Texas Lottery Commission (commission). At the time the Act was adopted, the commission was a division of the comptroller's office and these provisions applied only to the employees of the commission. This bill sets forth provisions regarding gifts, political contributions, and activities of an officer or employee of the Texas Lottery Commission or a former officer or employee of the Texas Lottery Commission.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.H.B. 3370 sets forth provisions regarding gifts, political contributions, and activities of an officer or employee of the Texas Lottery Commission or a former officer or employee of the Texas Lottery Commission.

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 467.001, Government Code, to define "communicate directly with," "gift," "legislation," "member of the legislative branch," "participated," "particular matter," "person that had a significant financial interest in the lottery," "political committee," and "political contribution."

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 467C, Government Code, by adding Section 467.106, as follows;

Sec. 467.106. GIFT OR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION TO OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE. Sets forth prohibitions regarding the acceptance of political contributions or certain gifts by former members, the executive director, or former employees of the Texas Lottery Commission (commission) from certain persons or organizations. Provides that a person commits a Class A misdemeanor if a person violates this section.

SECTION 3. Amends Chapter 467C, Government Code, by adding Section 467.107, as follows:

Sec. 467.107. GIFT OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION TO FORMER OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE. Sets forth prohibitions regarding accepting political contributions for a former commission member, former executive director, or former employee of the commission. Provides that a person commits a Class A misdemeanor if the person violates this section.

SECTION 4. Amends Chapter 467C, Government Code, by adding Section 467.108, as follows:

Sec. 467.108. REPRESENTATION BY FORMER OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE. Sets forth prohibitions regarding representation by a former commission member, former executive director, or former director. Provides that a person commits a Class A misdemeanor if a person violates this section.

SECTION 5. Repealers: Sections 466.301, 466.314, 466.315, and 466.316, Government Code

(Definitions, Gift or Political Contribution to Former Officer or Employee, Representation by Former Officer or Employee).

SECTION 6. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 7. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 467.001(9), to revise the proposed definition of "person that has a significant financial interest in the lottery."