

# Sunset Review of the Texas Lottery Commission

The mission and performance of the Texas Lottery Commission is currently being reviewed by the Legislature as required under the Texas Sunset Act. The Sunset Act provides that a group of eight legislators and two public members, the Sunset Commission, must periodically evaluate a state agency to determine if the agency is needed, is effective, and if tax dollars are well spent. Based on the recommendations of the Sunset Commission, the Texas Legislature ultimately decides what changes are needed to improve an agency's effectiveness and efficiency.

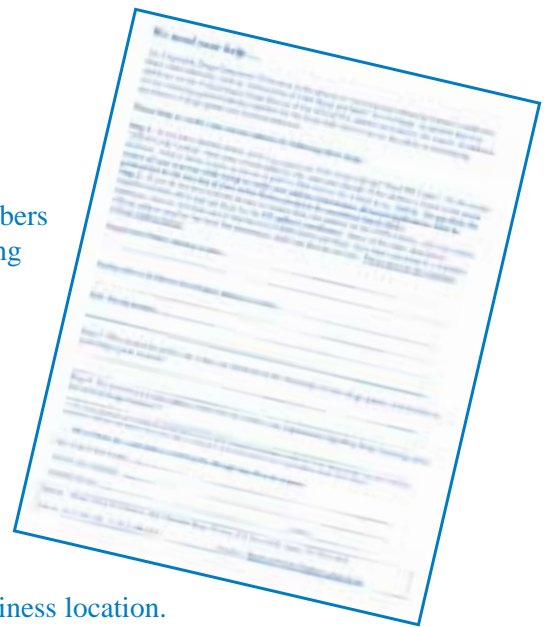
The Sunset review involves three steps. First, staff of the Sunset Commission will evaluate the Texas Lottery Commission and issue a report recommending solutions and opportunities. The Sunset Commission then meets to hear public testimony on the operations of the Texas Lottery Commission as well as the recommendations contained in the Sunset staff report. Based on public input and the staff report, the Sunset Commission will adopt recommendations for the full Legislature to consider when they convene in January 2003.

Through the Sunset review, every Texan has the opportunity to suggest ways in which the mission and operations of the Texas Lottery Commission can be strengthened. If you would like to share your ideas about the agency, or want more information on the Sunset process, please contact Karen Latta of the Sunset Commission staff at:

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## We need your help...

We are in the process of verifying addresses related to licensee’s primary business location, mailing address and hall/playing location, telephone numbers for bingo halls, and we are collecting e-mail addresses. A form for collecting this information is being mailed with all renewal applications. The first renewals that included this form were the May 1, 2002 – May 15, 2002 renewals. When you receive your renewal application, please take the time to complete the document and return it to this office. This form is also available on our website at [www.txbingo.org](http://www.txbingo.org) in the *News Alert* section.



### Why do we need this information?

- To ensure that your organization receives all documents related to Charitable Bingo business.
- To ensure we have the correct address of an organization’s primary business location.
- To provide the public with an accurate physical address for your organization’s playing location.
- To provide the public with telephone numbers for bingo halls for accessing playing days/times of bingo games.
- E-mail addresses will enable us to communicate with organization’s more efficiently. **Note:** All e-mail addresses are considered confidential and will not be released to third parties under the Texas Open Records Act unless you have voluntarily indicated you agree, in writing, to have your address released.

## Operator Training Program Schedule

The following is the current Operator Training Program schedule through September 2002. This schedule is subject to change. Please check the Operator Training Program schedule posted on our website at [www.txbingo.org](http://www.txbingo.org) for changes, additions and cancellations to the Operator Training Programs or contact this office.

Region	Date	Place	Address	Phone	Time
Dallas	June 10, 2002	Downtown Bingo	304 East Ferguson, Tyler	903-595-0074	9:30 AM
	July 20, 2002	Elks Lodge 138	2613 Airport Road, Temple	254-773-1311	9:30 AM
San Antonio	May 29, 2002	VFW Post 2397	4441 Ayers, Corpus Christi	361-852-9461	9:00 AM
	June 25, 2002	VFW Post 4146	2001 Lova, Victoria	361-575-2446	9:00 AM
	July 27, 2002	VFW Post 837	4436 Valleyfield, San Antonio	210-337-8893	9:00 AM
	August 24, 2002	El Bingo Grande	1001 Jackson Rd., McAllen	956-631-6171	9:00 AM
	September 12, 2002	Al Amin Shrine Temple	2001 Suntide Rd., Corpus Christi	361-241-5353	9:00 AM
Houston	May 22, 2002	Disabled American Veterans 84	3001 Medford Dr., Lufkin	936-639-4295	9:00 AM
Odessa	May 18, 2002	Super Bingo	1204 N. Mockingbird, Abilene	915-672-6990	10:00 AM
	June 7, 2002	Goldstar Charity Bingo	224 Avenue H , Lubbock	806-744-0361	1:00 PM
	July 13, 2002	Grandview Bingo	3520 E. 27th, Amarillo	806-353-9589	10:00 AM
	July 27, 2002	Sunrise Center	8500 Dyer Street, Suite 61, El Paso	915-859-3986	9:00 AM

## Will Your Operator Training Certification Be Expiring Soon?

All Operator Training Certificates issued in 2000 will expire this year. Please check the date printed on your last Operator Training Certificate – your certification expires 2 years from the date printed on the certificate. Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule 402.550(e)(1) requires, “For the individuals required to complete

training, each individual must complete the training every two years.” If you don’t have your certificate, please contact us and we can tell you when your certification was completed and when it will expire.

## Reminder About Submitting Holiday Temporaries

May, June, July and August are popular months for temporary license applications due to holidays and summer festivals. Last year from May 1 to August 31 we issued 928 temporary licenses compared to 1,053 licenses issued for all other license types and classes. We suggest you consider the following when submitting your application:

### **Annual License Holders:**

- Submit your temporary application 7 days before the requested playing date if the organization is currently licensed to conduct Charitable Bingo and is applying for a temporary license to conduct an occasion on a different day and time than is indicated on the current annual license and the primary operator, playing location and workers are the same as on the annual license.
- Submit your temporary application 14 days before the requested playing date if the organization is currently licensed to conduct Charitable Bingo and is applying for a temporary license to conduct an occasion on a different day and time than is indicated on the current annual license and the primary operator, and/or playing location, and/or workers are different than on the annual license to conduct bingo.

### **Non-Annual License Holders:**

- Organizations that are not licensed to conduct Charitable Bingo on an annual basis should submit their applications for temporary licenses 30 days before the proposed playing date.



## Cities Issue Proclamations For the 20th Anniversary of Charitable Bingo in Texas

Many cities have issued proclamations declaring 2002 the 20<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of Charitable Bingo.

To those cities we say, "Thank you." You may view the proclamations on our website at [www.txbingo.org](http://www.txbingo.org).

## Have You Heard About the Toll-Free Bingo Hall Locator?

The toll-free numbers are 1-888-488-3927 and 1-800-488-3927. The caller enters a zip code and is provided with the following information for the playing location:

- Name of Bingo Hall
  - Address of Bingo Hall
  - Telephone Number To Contact
- For Playing Days and Times

**Note:** Some licensees have not provided telephone numbers. If your playing locations does not have a telephone number on the recording and you would like to have the number, please contact this office using one of the methods on the last page of this document.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Posters Now Available

In honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Charitable Bingo in Texas we are making commemorative posters available. The posters are 26" W x 36" H and make colorful and informative displays. The posters are available via opens records request for \$15.00.

If you would like to order a poster contact us as follows:



**Texas Lottery Commission  
Open Records Coordinator  
PO Box 16630  
Austin, Texas 78761-6630**

**FAX: 512-344-5189**

**Email: [openrecords@lottery.state.tx.us](mailto:openrecords@lottery.state.tx.us)**

## A Note About Mailing & Physical Location Addresses

Many mailing addresses currently in our computer system are not considered acceptable addresses by the United States Postal Service.

Many older physical addresses, such as "Intersection of Fifth Street and Main" are no longer acceptable. The physical addresses related to an organization's primary business location and playing location must be the address used by the local fire department, EMS and Rescue Services.

## How to verify mailing address and physical address:

You can verify your organization's mailing address by calling your local post office or by going to the website of the United States Postal Service, [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and clicking on "Find ZIP Codes."

To verify a physical address call your county sheriff/constable's office and ask them for the 911 address coordinator or call your county appraisal district.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact us by one of the methods listed on this page.

## How To Contact Us (Please note that our e-mail address has changed.)

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