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Sunset Commission Review of the Texas Lottery Commission

The mission and performance of the Texas Lottery Commission are currently being reviewed by the Legislature as required under the Texas Sunset Act. The Texas Sunset Act provides that a group of ten legislators and two public members, the Sunset Advisory Commission, must periodically evaluate a state agency to determine if the agency is needed, is effective, and if tax dollars are well spent. The Texas Lottery Commission was reviewed in 2002, but the legislation containing the Sunset Commission's recommendations did not pass the 78th Legislature. Instead the Legislature passed House Bill 2455 to continue the Texas Lottery Commission until 2005 and to require the Sunset Commission to review the appropriateness of its 2002 recommendations regarding the agency.

The Sunset review involves three steps. First, staff of the Sunset Advisory Commission will evaluate the Texas Lottery Commission and issue a report recommending solutions and opportunities. To view the 2002 Full Staff Report on the Internet, go to www.txlottery.org/info/reports.cfm#sunset. A link to the 2004 Full Staff Report will be provided when the report is issued in the Spring of 2004.

The Sunset Advisory 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. To see the schedule for public hearings on the Internet, go to www.sunset.state.tx.us/schedule04.pdf.

Based on public input and the staff report, the Sunset Advisory Commission will adopt recommendations for the full Legislature to consider when it convenes in January, 2005.

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 Advisory Commission staff. Suggestions are preferred by February 27, 2004, so they can be fully considered by the Commission staff.

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Information about the Sunset process, including more information on Sunset Commission meetings, can be found at: www.sunset.state.tx.us.