

A Special Message From

Charitable Bingo Operations Division (CBOD)

April 13, 2020

The Governor's Office response to the statutory suspension request submitted on April 1, 2020.

Late afternoon on Friday, April 10, 2020, the Office of the Governor (OOG) notified the agency of their decision on the Commission's request for consideration and approval to suspend certain Bingo Enabling Act statutes due to the Covid-19 public health crisis. Below is the response from the OOG:

“The Office of the Governor is in receipt of the Texas Lottery Commission's request to temporarily suspend §2001.451(g) and parts of §2001.502 of the Texas Occupations Code. The Lottery Commission asserts that strict compliance with these laws could hinder necessary action by charitable bingo conductors and commercial lessors in coping with the declared disaster.

After careful review, the Office of the Governor declines this waiver request.”

Based on this response and direction, all licensees should now proceed with submitting their quarterly reports and submission of the state's portion of prize fees.

Thank you all for your patience during this process,

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