

Subject: Clarification on Retained Prize Fees for Conductors and Units Clarification on Retained Prize Fees:

Prize fees retained by the organization must be used for charitable purposes in accordance with Bingo Enabling Act (BEA) Sec. 2001.502(b)(2). The use of prize fees retained by the organization is further clarified in letters from the bill author of House Bill 914 that provide legislative intent related to this subject.

The references are as follows:

- BEA Sec. 2001.502(b)(2) states that if neither the county or municipality in which the bingo game is conducted voted before November 1, 2019, to impose the prize fee, the organization shall deposit the remainder of the amount collected as the prize fee in the general charitable fund of the organization or on a pro rata basis to the general funds of the organizations comprising the unit, as applicable, to be used for the charitable purposes of the organization or organizations.
- Letters from State Representative Senfronia Thompson on 9/19/2019 and on 5/7/2020.

If you have any questions pertaining to your individual jurisdiction, please contact us by email at: bingo.services@lottery.state.tx.us or call 800-BINGO-77 (800-246-4677) and follow the prompts.

Thanks,
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