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Your Comments or Concerns

Thank you to Sunset Staff and the Members serving on the Sunset Advisory Commission. Please see the attached comments from Texans for Charitable Bingo.

Your Proposed Solution

We agree with the recommendations around IT infrastructure needs as well as allowing the BAC to fully function. We have some concern around the dissolution of any licensure as this is how we are able to protect the charities bingo serves as well as Texans across the state who enjoy playing bingo.

Attachment

[Texans for Charitable Bingo - Sunset Comments.pdf](#) (112.63 KB)

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes



Texans for Charitable Bingo

Who Are We?

Texans for Charitable Bingo is comprised of and advocate on behalf of charities, lessors, distributors, manufacturers, and Texans who play bingo in halls across the state. Our members have long advocated for the sustainability of Charitable Bingo in Texas. We have two bingo halls that serve fourteen charities in the Conroe and Victoria region. Collectively, the members of our organization have been involved in Charitable Bingo since the passage of the Texas Bingo Enabling Act in 1983.

Texas Sunset Advisory Committee Comments

We appreciate the work that the Texas Sunset Commission staff and the Texas Lottery Commission have accomplished thus far. Below are some of the recommendations in the Sunset staff report that we wanted to highlight for the Members of the Sunset Advisory Committee as they contemplate incorporating any changes offered by the Sunset staff in their recommendations.

Support:

- The long-term continuity of the Bingo Advisory Commission and allow its Members to discuss any policy that could potentially impact Charitable Bingo operations in the state of Texas.
- Capital Improvement – IT (Information Technology) infrastructure upgrades.
- Prioritize training of auditors in the bingo division to ensure consistent and reliable audits.

Concerns:

- The elimination of manufacturer and distributor licenses in the bingo industry will open the door to the introduction of unregulated bingo products, thus shifting the liability and risk to the charities this program serves. The current licensure system is designed to protect charities from undo liabilities, therefore have concerns that would shift the burden to charities.
- The state should maintain the current lessor system. The lack of direction in the sunset staff recommendations could potentially undermine a system in which the industry has invested time and capital and to arbitrarily undo it, would be harmful to lessors and the charities who rely on the current system working.