

The Texas Lottery Commission (Commission) proposes the repeal of existing 16 TAC §401.315 (“Mega Millions” Draw Game Rule) and the publication and adoption of new 16 TAC §401.315 (“Mega Millions” Draw Game Rule). The purpose of the proposed new rule is to conform the play of the Mega Millions game in Texas to game changes recently adopted by the Mega Millions Lotteries and the Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL). These changes include (1) increasing the purchase price of a ticket from \$2 to \$5; (2) changing the game matrix from 5/70 plus 1/25 (selection of five numbers from a field of 70 numbers and then one number from a field of 25 numbers) to 5/70 plus 1/24 (selection of five numbers from a field of 70 numbers and then selection of one number from a field of 24 numbers); (3) removing Megaplier® and Just the Jackpot® features; (4) changing the play of the game to include a Multiplier automatically generated by the Lottery Gaming System (as defined in the new rule) as part of the cost of a Play, which will multiply the non-jackpot prizes by 2, 3, 4, 5 or 10 times; (5) revising certain game definitions and references; (6) updating grammar and/or sentence structure changes to provide clarity, including renaming the top prize as the Jackpot Prize instead of Grand Prize; and (7) adding that the Mega Millions Lotteries are removing the graduated percentage escalator for the thirty annual payment schedule. Mega Millions Lotteries will take responsibility for the schedule of prize payments for a thirty annual graduated payment schedule. The new Mega Millions game changes are expected to be implemented on April 5, 2025, with the first drawing expected to be on April 8, 2025. Accordingly, the current Mega Millions rule will remain in effect until the date the new rule is implemented, which currently is expected to be April 5, 2025.

The Commission is a member of MUSL and is authorized to conduct the Mega Millions game in Texas under the conditions of the Cross-Sell Agreement between MUSL and the Mega Millions Lotteries, MUSL rules, the laws of the State of Texas, this rule (16 TAC §401.315), and under such further instructions, directives, and procedures as the Commission executive director may issue in furtherance thereof. To be clear, the authority to participate in the Mega Millions game is provided to the Commission by MUSL through the Cross-Sell Agreement and the conduct and play of the Mega Millions game in Texas must conform to the MUSL Product Group's Mega Millions game rules.