

Texas Lottery® Retailer Support

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Frequently Asked Questions – Legislative Update

How do recent state legislation and budgetary decisions affect the Texas Lottery?

The 87th legislative regular session concluded on Monday, May 31, 2021.

The following are bills and a budgetary decision related to the administration of the lottery that have been enacted.

SB 3 by Senator Charles Schwertner: Establishes an energy emergency alert system to ensure Texans are notified when power demand may exceed supply. The official name of the new alert is Power Outage Alert.

This alert is in addition to the current AMBER, Silver, Blue, Endangered Missing Person, CLEAR (missing adults) and Camo (missing military member) alerts and are broadcast via electronic displays at lottery retailer locations.

SB 968 by Senator Lois Kolkhorst: This law seeks to ensure that Texas is prepared for future public health emergencies or disasters by improving the public health disaster response and coordination between state agencies.

This legislation includes a prohibition on Texas businesses requiring COVID-19 passports from customers.

A decision impacting the Fiscal Year 2022 – 23 Texas Lottery budget resulted in a reduction to the Texas Lottery's advertising budget from \$17.8 million to \$10 million annually, which is a reduction of 44% over the next two years.



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