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## TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION APPROVES NEW ON-LINE GAME - *TEXAS TWO STEP*

(Austin, February 15) - Today, the Texas Lottery Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the introduction of the lottery's newest on-line game - *Texas Two Step*. This will be first on-line game launched in nearly three years and the fifth on-line game introduced since the lottery began in 1992.

"We're very excited about offering our players this new game - *Texas Two Step*," said Linda Cloud, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "It's different, it means more prizes to our players, it's easy to play, and it's easy to win!"

*Texas Two Step* includes the same Bonus Ball feature as multi-state on-line games. A select number of balls are drawn from one machine, and then a bonus ball is selected from another machine.

"After hearing from our lottery retailers and players in focus groups last fall, we have decided to implement an on-line game many said they would like to play," said Cloud. "Although the top-prize amounts are not in the multi-millions, our *Texas Two Step* will provide players an exciting new way to win big money with better odds."

*Texas Two Step* will offer players seven different ways to win and fantastic overall odds - 1:32 - of winning any prize. Players will pick four numbers from 1 to 35 in one play field, and then choose one Bonus Ball number from 1 to 35 in a second play field.

If a ticket matches all four numbers and the Bonus Ball, players will win the top-prize amount, which starts at \$200,000. Prizes will be divided equally among multiple top-prize winners. If no ticket matches all the numbers, the jackpot rolls over to the next drawing. Players can win \$5 for matching as little as one ball. The following table illustrates the prize categories and overall odds of winning *Texas Two Step*:

WAYS TO WIN	ODDS OF WINNING	ESTIMATED PRIZE
Match 4 + Bonus Ball	1:1,832,600	Jackpot*
Match 4 numbers	1:53,900	\$1500*
Match 3 + Bonus Ball	1:14,779	\$50*
Match 3 numbers	1:435	\$20*
Match 2 + Bonus Ball	1:657	\$20*
Match 1 + Bonus Ball	1:102	\$7 (Guaranteed)

Match Bonus Ball	1:58	\$5 (Guaranteed)
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*\*Prizes are pari-mutuel and may be lower or higher than these published prize amounts.*

Tickets for *Texas Two Step*, \$1 per play, will go on sale Sunday, May 13, 2001. The first drawing for the game, which will replace *Texas Million*, will be held Friday, May 18th. All subsequent drawings will be held on Tuesday and Friday nights at 9:59 p.m.

"While *Texas Million* fulfilled its role for the Texas Lottery in the last three years, we feel it's time to give our players something new and exciting to look forward to every Tuesday and Friday night," Cloud replied.

Players may claim any low tier *Texas Two Step* prize up to and including \$599 at any lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 to \$300,000 may be redeemed at any of the 22 lottery claim centers, and prizes over \$300,000 must be claimed at Lottery Headquarters in Austin.

Winning tickets must be redeemed within 180 days after the draw date on the ticket. Players must be 18 years or older to purchase a *Texas Two Step* ticket or any of the Texas Lottery games.

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The Texas Lottery, the 4th largest selling lottery in North America, is "Focusing on the Future of Education, One Ticket At A Time." By providing the 'Games of Texas' for more than 10 years, the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) has generated more than \$10 billion for the state and paid nearly \$17 billion to players in prizes. For more information about the TLC, please visit the official website at <http://www.txlottery.org>

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