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## LOTTERY'S NEWEST GAME - *TEXAS TWO STEP* - SET TO DEBUT ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS

(Austin, May 7) - Beginning Friday, May 18, 2001, Texas Lottery players can start catching that two-steppin' bug with the first drawing for the lottery's new on-line game, *Texas Two Step*. Texas' newest game will be the first on-line game introduced in three years and the fifth on-line game started since the lottery began in 1992.

"Players mark your calendars for Tuesday and Friday nights," recommended Texas Lottery Executive Director, Linda Cloud. *Texas Two Step* is different than any of our other on-line games, and will provide players great odds to win BIG money."

*Texas Two Step* includes the same Bonus Ball feature similar to other multi-state on-line games offered by neighboring state lotteries in New Mexico and Louisiana. A select number of balls are drawn from one machine, and then a bonus ball is selected from another machine.

The new on-line game will offer players seven different ways to win and fantastic overall odds - 1:32 - of winning any prize. And, it only takes two easy steps to play!

First, 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 only the Bonus 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	\$1501*
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)

*\*Prizes are pari-mutuel and may be lower or higher than these published prize amounts.*

Players can start buying their tickets for *Texas Two Step*, \$1 per play, on Sunday, May 13th at any participating on-line lottery retailer.

"This game will be exciting for both our players and retailers," said Cloud. "We realize that our retailers are the ones behind the success of any game, and we're going to reward them with a bonus when they sell a jackpot-winning ticket for *Texas Two Step*."

Texas Lottery retailers will be eligible to receive a bonus of one-percent of the jackpot amount, up to \$10,000. Retailer bonuses will be divided equally among multiple top-prize winning tickets.

Drawings for Texas Two Step will be held every Tuesday and Friday night at 9:59 p.m. Central Standard Time.

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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