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## Cash Five - Same Name (Sort Of), New Game (Definitely)

(Austin, April 26) - Players might notice the slight name change. They'll definitely notice the great new odds of winning and the new prize amounts to the Texas Lottery's on-line game - *Cash Five*.



"Since the Texas Lottery began, players have been saying the same thing to us. They want games that are easy to win and have great prizes," said **Robert Tirloni**, On-line Product Manager of the Texas Lottery Commission. "We've found another great match for them - the new *Cash Five* game change will offer great odds, and players can win \$2 for matching only two of five numbers."

**Players will see their overall odds of winning** *Cash Five* **change from 1 in 100 to 1 in 8.** The *Cash Five* change will make Texas the only state in the U.S. to have a 5-digit game that gives a \$2 cash prize for matching only two numbers.

With the new *Cash Five* changes, players will choose five numbers from one to 37. Players can win prizes for matching two, three, four, or five numbers. All prizes will be pari-mutuel except the guaranteed \$2 prize. There will be approximately 54,000 winners per drawing, and the cost to

play will continue to be \$1.

"The Texas Lottery Commission is projecting a 10-percent increase in sales with the new *Cash Five* changes," Tirloni said. "That means approximately \$4 - \$5 million in additional revenue for the state."

**Sales for the new** *Cash Five* **game will begin on Sunday, July 28**, with the first drawing to take place on Monday, July 29. Drawings will take place six nights a week, Monday through Saturday at 9:59 p.m.