



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

Senator Gallivan Announces Senate Passes Bill to Allow Larger Raffle Awards

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) announces the Senate has passed a bill (S.6790) that would authorize organizations to increase their revenue and the value of prizes awarded through raffles. By raising the limit, not-for-profit groups could generate more financial support for worthy causes within their communities.

The legislation would increase the total threshold amount for not-for-profit organizations that are licensed to conduct split club raffles from \$2-million to \$3-million and the single prize amount from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

"Local foundations, including those associated with the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres, often contribute proceeds from the sale of raffles to organizations such as Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Women and Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House and others," Gallivan said. "Thanks to large crowds at Bills and Sabres games, and technology that allows for automated ticket sales, these foundations are close to reaching the limit imposed by current law. Amending the law will result in greater proceeds for these worthwhile groups."

Over the last two years, more than \$700,000 was raised through the Buffalo Bills raffle, which has aided United Way programs and services throughout Erie County. The Sabres foundation, meanwhile, raised more than \$4 million, of which more than \$2 million has been allocated.

The bill passed the Senate and has been sent to the Assembly.

RELATED LEGISLATION

2015-S6790

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Increases certain prize amount thresholds for raffles

February 23, 2016

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