



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

## Senate Passes Charitable Gaming Act of 2016

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) announces the Senate has passed a bill (S.7640A) that would amend state law in relation to the sale of raffle tickets for bona fide charitable organizations. The changes will allow non-profit groups to sell raffle tickets via the internet and provide for additional payment options for raffles and other fundraising activities.

"Charitable organizations such as volunteer fire departments, veterans groups and others have long relied on raffles as a way to support the services and programs they provide in the community," Gallivan said. "The changes will allow these groups to take advantage of the

latest technology to promote and sell raffle tickets online and to accept checks and other forms of payment in order to reach their fundraising goals, which in the end benefits the entire community.”

Senator Gallivan sponsored the bill in the Senate after learning that out-dated regulations limited organizations when it came to raffles, 50/50 prizes and other games of chance. Under existing rules, online sales, check payments and off-premises raffles are prohibited.

“This law will have a great impact on New York State non-profit organizations ability to fundraise and consequently their ability to serve those in need. The Buffalo Sabres Foundation would like to thank Senator Gallivan, Assemblyman Robin Schimminger and the Western New York delegation for their support and stewardship of this bill,” said Rich Jureller, President of the Buffalo Sabres Foundation.

The bill passed the Senate 59-3. It has already passed the New York State Assembly and will be sent to the governor.

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