



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

Senator Gallivan's Legislation to Benefit Non-For-Profits Signed Into Law

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) and Assemblymember Robin Schimminger (D-C-I, Kenmore) announces the governor has signed legislation 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 (S.6790 & A.9606) was sponsored by Senator Gallivan and Assemblymember Schimminger and will 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 and organizations, including those associated with the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres, regularly conduct raffles in support of organizations such as Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Women and Children's Hospital 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 under the old law. Amending the law will result in greater proceeds for these worthwhile groups."

"This much-needed legislation updates state law so that it better coincides with technology that is currently being used, such as automated ticket sales," said Schimminger. "This legislation will enable nonprofits throughout the state, including here in Western New York, to raise more funds for worthwhile causes. I am very glad that these changes are being made."

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.

"This law will have a great impact on the ability of nonprofit organizations to fundraise and 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 and the Assembly earlier this year and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on Monday. It takes effect immediately.

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

Signed by Governor

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