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Senator Gallivan Calls on NYS to Implement Charitable Gaming Act

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) is calling on the New York State Gaming Commission to take the necessary steps to fully implement the Charitable Gaming Act, which will allow non-profit groups to sell raffle tickets via the internet and provide for additional payment options for raffles and other fundraising activities.

Senator Gallivan sponsored the legislation, which was signed into law by Governor Cuomo in December 2017. It directed the NYS Gaming Commission to develop and approve regulations to allow the law to take effect in June 2018. The commission never adopted the changes.

“The fact that this law has not been fully implemented nearly three years after being passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor is inexcusable,” Senator Gallivan said. “Non-profit groups need this law now more than ever. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, many charitable organizations have been unable to hold in-person fund raising events. Allowing them to raise money through online raffles and to accept electronic payments will help ensure these groups are able to assist people in need and provide important services to our community.”

In a letter to Governor Cuomo, Senator Gallivan said action by the Gaming Commission to adopt the regulations must be a priority.

Senator Gallivan sponsored the bill after learning that outdated regulations limited organizations when it came to raffles, 50/50 prizes and other games of chance by prohibiting online sales and electronic payments.

Governor Cuomo signed the legislation into law as Chapter 464 of the Laws of 2017.