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Senator Gallivan Renews Call for NYS Gaming Commission to Implement Charitable Gaming Act

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) is once again calling on the New York State Gaming Commission 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 has yet to promulgate regulations and fully implement them.

“The Gaming Commission is violating the law by failing to do what the Legislature and the Governor has directed it to do,” Senator Gallivan said. “Non-profit organizations have been forced to cancel many of their in-person fundraising events because of the pandemic and they need this law now more than ever. Allowing them to raise money through online raffles will help ensure these groups are able to assist people in need and provide important services to our community.”

In a letter to Governor Hochul, Senator Gallivan said it is time for the Gaming Commission to fulfill its duty and implement the law as intended.

“I support Governor Hochul’s endeavor to restore trust in state government. Getting this law on the books is a step in that direction,” Senator Gallivan said.

Senator Gallivan sponsored the bill after learning that outdated regulations limited organizations when it came to raffles, 50/50 prizes and other games of chance by prohibiting online sales and electronic payments.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