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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB984

Chairperson: Senator Tyson Larson

Committee: General Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 12, 2018

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 984 makes two changes to the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act which governs lotteries and raffles that are conducted by non-profit organizations, volunteer fire companies or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance or emergency squads.

LB 984 allows for non-profit organizations, volunteer fire companies or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance or emergency squads to apply to the Department of Revenue for two ninety-day special permits, or one one-hundred eighty-day special permit.

The bill lessens the amount of proceeds of both a lottery or a raffle that must be used for prizes from 65% to 45%. This change would allow "split the pot" lotteries that organizations use to award the winner 50% of the proceeds to occur lawfully without the organization first obtaining a special permit.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Dan Quick