

One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB980

Chairperson: Senator Tom Briese

Committee: General Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2020

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

LB 980 is a bill to streamline the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, which governs lotteries and raffles conducted by non-profit organizations; volunteer fire companies; or volunteer first-aid, rescue, ambulance, or emergency squads.

The bill changes the Act to reflect practices of non-profit fundraising events. First, the bill extends the validity of a special permit to conduct a raffle or lottery under Section 9-426 from three months to one year. Second, the bill allows for tickets or stubs sold by licensed organizations to be sold online by the licensed organization on its web site and allows for the purchase of the same tickets or stubs by a credit card or debit card online or at events.

Finally, the bill lessens the paperwork and filings required by a licensed organization. Instead of requiring quarterly filings to remit the taxes paid on proceeds, the bill requires these taxes to be filed once per year. This will not change the amount of taxes that are remitted, but will lessen the paperwork and time required

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Brandt