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Introduced by Sen. ROBACH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing religious and charitable organizations to accept personal checks as payment for raffle tickets

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivisions 3-b and 20 of section 186 of the general municipal law, subdivision 3-b as added by chapter 550 of the laws of 1994 and subdivision 20 as added by chapter 574 of the laws of 1978, are amended to read as follows:

3-b. "Raffle" shall mean and include those games of chance in which a participant pays money OR BY PERSONAL CHECK, PROVIDED THE RAFFLE IS HELD BY AN AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION THAT IS A BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, in return for a ticket or other receipt and in which a prize is awarded on the basis of a winning number or numbers, color or colors, or symbol or symbols designated on the ticket or receipt, determined by chance as a result of a drawing from among those tickets or receipts previously sold.

20. "Games of chance currency" shall mean legal tender or a form of scrip or chip authorized by the board, any of which may be used at the discretion of the games of chance licensee; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, "GAMES OF CHANCE CURRENCY" SHALL ALSO INCLUDE PERSONAL CHECKS AS PAYMENT FOR RAFFLES WHEN THE GAMES OF CHANCE LICENSEE IS A BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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