

Chairman Longmuir and members of the committee, for the record, I am Senator Conley from District 12 in Jamestown. Currently, Administrative Rule NDAC 99-01.3-05-01 states that raffle board sales can only take place on the day of the drawing. SB 2126 is a bill to extend sales from 1 day to 30 days before the drawing.

Raffle boards are often used in small communities to raise funds for charitable causes such as providing assistance to a family in need or to raise funds for the local rural fire department.

Common practice has been to sell squares on the board and then close the raffle when the board is full. In small communities it is just not possible to sell out the board in 1 day, which ends up limiting the amount of funds raised for good community causes.

SB 2126 passed the Senate on a 44-3 vote and I am asking for a favorable recommendation.

Thank you

Sen. Conley