

HB 591-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL **591-FN**

AN ACT relative to hours for keno gaming.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cole, Hills. 26; Rep. Ouellet, Coos 3; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Ball, Rock. 25

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands permitted keno hours of operation.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT relative to hours for keno gaming.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Operation of Keno Games. Amend RSA 284:47, I to read as follows:

2 I. A licensee may operate keno games at its business **during the business' hours of**  
3 **operation** [~~between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 a.m.~~].

4 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

**HB 591-FN- FISCAL NOTE**  
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2025-1628s)

AN ACT expanding hours for keno gaming on weekends.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$1,303,874	\$2,607,748	\$2,607,748
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	Lottery Fund/Education Trust Fund - Lottery revenue is credited to the lottery fund, with net revenues after expenditures being credited to the state education trust fund.			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill

\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill expands permitted keno hours of operation. The Lottery Commission indicates this bill expands the allowed time frame for operation of Keno games, currently daily from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., by further allowing operation whenever licensees are open for business. As some licensees are open 24 hours a day, this bill would allow for 24 hour operation of Keno.

The Lottery Commission makes the following assumptions regarding the fiscal impact of the bill:

- It will take the Commission and its system vendor approximately 6 months to develop the system change, test it, and execute the system release. This is due to several large-scale system changes and implementations already mapped out thru the end of CY 2025.
- The Commission anticipates most new sales would result from bar and tavern Keno players that purchase multi-draw tickets at establishments open past 1 a.m., as well as early morning Keno players that purchase tickets at convenience stores and grocery stores in the municipalities that offer Keno.
- Each licensee sets their own hours of operation, so while it is hard to make a granular estimate, the Lottery assumes the additional 10 hours per day would increase annual sales by about 18% once implemented.
- FY 2024 Keno sales were about \$56,690,196. There are 61,320 draws per fiscal year, resulting in average sales per draw of \$924.

- Added hours of operation will increase sales at bars and taverns that remain open after 1 a.m. and convenience and grocery stores that open before 11 a.m.
- With the additional draws, the Lottery anticipates additional sales of \$10,123,249, or an 18% increase in topline sales.

The Lottery Commission provided the following breakdown of costs and amount anticipated to the Education Trust Fund on a fiscal year basis:

	FY 2026 (Assuming 01/01/26 Start)	FY 2027 and Beyond
Total Fiscal Year Sales for Additional a.m. Draws	\$5,061,625	\$10,123,249
Licensee Commission (8%)	(\$404,930)	(\$809,860)
Amount to the State	\$4,656,695	\$9,313,389
Less: Lottery Administrative Costs (2%)	(\$93,134)	(\$186,268)
Less: Prize Payouts (70%)	(\$3,259,687)	(\$6,519,373)
Net Education Trust Fund Revenue	\$1,303,874	\$2,607,748

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Lottery Commission