

HB 591-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **591-FN**

AN ACT expanding hours for keno gaming on weekends.

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

ANALYSIS

This bill expands permitted keno hours of operations on weekends.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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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 weekdays*** between the hours
- 3 of 11 a.m. and 1 a.m., ***and on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 a.m.***
- 4 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

**HB 591-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$111,455 Increase	\$222,909 Increase	\$222,909 Increase
<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.			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			
Appropriations*	\$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 extends the hours for Keno games from 11:00am to 1:00am, seven days a week, to 11:00am to 1:00am on weekdays and 8:00am to 1:00am on weekends. The Lottery Commission has provided the following assumptions relative to this bill:

- Lottery’s system vendor will need four to six months to develop, test, and execute the system change.
- Most sales would result from convenience and grocery stores.
- Bar and tavern Keno players may purchase multi-draw tickets on Friday or Saturday evenings that will result in sales for the early draws the following days (Saturday and Sunday mornings), which could result in incremental sales.
- In FY 2024, Keno sales were approximately \$56.7 million (61,320 draws per fiscal year, resulting in average sales per draw of \$924).
- The average sales at convenience stores and grocery stores are 10% of what bars and taverns sell for Keno, resulting in lower sales per draw. Currently there are 280 retailers that fall into this category.
- It is estimated that the average sales per draw for the additional AM hours would be \$231, one quarter of normal draw times.

- With an additional 3,744 draws per fiscal year, the Lottery anticipates additional sales of \$865,330, or a 1.5% increase in topline sales.

	FY 2026 (Assuming 01/01/26 Start)	FY 2027 and Beyond
Total Keno Sales for Additional AM Draws	\$432,665	\$865,330
Less: Licensee Commission (8%)	(\$34,613)	(\$69,226)
Amount to State (92%)	\$398,052	\$796,104
Less: Lottery Administrative Cost (2%)	(\$7,961)	(\$15,922)
Less: Prize Payouts (70%)	(\$278,636)	(\$557,273)
Net Lottery Fund Revenue	\$111,455	\$222,909

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Lottery Commission