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## **Senate Bill 130 – Electronic Pull-Tab Games**

### **Sponsor Statement**

*"An Act relating to electronic pull-tabs."*

Traditional paper pull-tabs are multilayered tickets with perforated sections that when “pulled” by tearing the perforation, reveal symbols which indicate whether the player has won. Pull-tab gaming permits are exclusively available to charities in Alaska for fundraising, and Alaska charities have benefitted by receiving donations through pull-tab games.

Senate Bill 130 would allow pull-tab operators the choice of providing paper pull-tab tickets or electronic pull-tab tickets. Electronic pull-tab tickets, or e-tabs, are played onsite—at a licensed vendor’s or operator’s location—not at home or online. E-tabs are played in the same manner as paper pull-tabs, using cash to purchase tickets that are populated on a kiosk or tablet device. This means that there are no physical tickets for operators to count, deface, or store, ultimately limiting compliance costs for businesses.

Benefits of electronic pull-tabs include increased security, easier tracking and reporting, and reduced fraud. Modernizing pull-tabs makes it less onerous for small businesses to become pull-tab vendors in support of local charities, and makes it easier for charities to receive donations through pull-tabs.