



Governor Michael J. Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

February 21, 2019

The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Giessel:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would reduce unnecessary regulatory requirements for municipalities and qualified organizations operating small charitable gaming fundraisers.

Per AS 05.15.690(39), a "qualified organization" means "a bona fide civic or service organization or a bona fide religious, charitable, fraternal, veterans, labor, political, or educational organization, police or fire department and company, dog mushers' association, outboard motor association, or fishing derby or nonprofit trade association in the state, that operates without profits to its members and that has been in existence continually for a period of three years immediately before applying for the license or permit; the organization may be a firm, corporation, company, association, or partnership."

The bill would provide that a charitable gaming permit or fee is no longer required for a qualified organization that did not hold a permit during the preceding year or that had gross receipts of less than \$20,000 from charitable gaming fundraisers during the preceding year. The bill would have a positive impact on about 400 permittees by reducing costs and regulatory burdens of reporting for small charitable gaming activities. The qualified organization will still need to certify to the State of Alaska each year that all charitable gaming activities were conducted by law.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "mjd", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure