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Senate Bill 77 Sponsor Statement

In January of 2021, Governor Dunleavy asked the Legislature to extend the public health disaster emergency through the passage of Senate Bill 56. This was a comprehensive bill with numerous provisions, one of which included an extension of the public health disaster emergency.

This bill is taken from the Governor's bill and addresses Section 9 of the Governor's bill. It looks at charitable gaming online ticket sales.

The purpose of this committee bill is to give the legislative branch the opportunity to take the necessary time to determine whether or not we need to make our statutes more COVID-19 aware, as opposed to relying on an emergency disaster declaration in order to keep our state operational. The Senate Labor and Commerce Committee intends to rely heavily on the administration to explain why certain sections in the disaster extension bill, such as the provisions now found in Senate Bill 77, are necessary.