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### **Senate Bill 130 – 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, which are accessed onsite through a kiosk or tablet device. Electronic pull-tabs are played in the same manner as paper pull-tabs, but there are no physical tickets for operators to count, deface, or store. 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 operators in support of local charities.