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House Bill 267: MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

"An Act relating to property exempt from municipal taxation."

House Bill 267 changes language exempting non-profits from municipal taxation on certain properties. This includes parking lots owned by non-profits used for parking or other uses free of charge. This also includes property of a store operated by a non-profit that distributes food, shelter, clothes, or health care for below market value or free. Additionally, this maintains a non-profit's tax exemption if they rent out their property to another non-profit.

Charitable non-profits are a pillar of our communities. They help our communities' least fortunate when they need basic goods and services. Of course, many non-profits turn to fundraising and facility rentals to keep their lights on and doors open so they can continue to provide their essential services. If these organizations did not provide these services, the burden would fall on the communities they serve.

This bill through verbiage change aims to return the exemption status to non-profits to the level that they had prior to 2018. The bill does not increase exemption only clarifies the exemption to allow fundraising and parking under the exemption as previously granted. With revenues being down and permanent fund dividends being cut creating a regressive tax on our least fortunate, we must help those who help those in need.

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