

SENATE BILL NO. 145

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/28/95

Referred: JUD, FIN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring the reporting of winners of prizes of \$50 or more from a
2 bingo or pull-tab game to the Department of Health and Social Services to ensure
3 that recipients of services or assistance are reporting those winnings and are
4 eligible for services or assistance; relating to the awarding of those prizes;
5 prohibiting charitable gaming permittees, operators, and registered vendors from
6 cashing state public assistance checks; and relating to penalties for violations of
7 the charitable gaming laws."

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

9 * **Section 1.** AS 05.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 05.15.175. IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF WINNERS OF
11 BINGO AND PULL-TAB PRIZES OF \$50 OR MORE. (a) Notwithstanding another
12 provision of this chapter, a permittee, operator, or vendor may not turn over a prize of
13 \$50 or more from a bingo or pull-tab game to a person entitled to that prize unless the

1 person presents proper picture identification, the permittee, operator, or vendor records
2 the person's name and social security number or date of birth on a receipt for the prize,
3 and the person signs the receipt and returns it to the permittee, operator, or vendor. The
4 receipt must be in a form approved by the department.

5 (b) A permittee, operator, or vendor shall provide copies of receipts required for
6 prizes of \$50 or more from bingo games and from pull-tab games under this section to
7 the Department of Health and Social Services at times and for periods set by the
8 Department of Health and Social Services.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 05.15.180 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (h) A permittee, operator, or registered vendor may not cash a check issued by
11 the state to a person for financial assistance under AS 47 other than AS 47.45.

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 05.15.680(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) A person who knowingly violates or aids or solicits a person to violate this
14 chapter is guilty of a

15 (1) violation, and may be fined not more than \$5,000, for the first
16 offense; **or**

17 (2) [AND A] class B misdemeanor, and may be fined not more than
18 \$10,000 and may be imprisoned as provided in AS 12.55, for the second and each
19 subsequent offense.

20 * **Sec. 4.** AS 44.29.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (c) The department shall review charitable gaming prize receipts for pull-tab and
22 bingo games received under AS 05.15.175 to verify that recipients of services provided
23 by the department are fully and completely reporting income received from charitable
24 gaming activities and to ensure that those recipients are eligible for the services or
25 assistance provided by the department.

26 * **Sec. 5.** AS 05.15.187(i) is repealed.