

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MCGUIRE, Ramras, Foster

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to Calcutta pools and crane classics as authorized forms of charitable**
2 **gaming."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 05.15.080(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A municipality or a qualified organization issued a permit under this
6 chapter shall file a report with the department by the 45th day following each calendar
7 quarter in which the permittee had gross receipts of \$50,000 or more from activities
8 authorized under this chapter. The report must include the type of activity conducted,
9 the date and location of the activity, the amount of gross receipts, the amount of
10 authorized expenses, the value of prizes awarded, the amount of net proceeds, and
11 other information the department may require. However, if the only activity
12 conducted by a municipality or qualified organization during a calendar quarter is a
13 raffle or lottery or a Calcutta pool, then the municipality or qualified organization is
14 not required to file a report under this subsection until the raffle or lottery or a

1 **Calcutta pool** is completed.

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 05.15.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3 (c) A permittee that conducts a Calcutta pool shall file a report for each pool
4 conducted on a form prescribed by the department that lists

5 (1) the date of the pool and the event;

6 (2) the amount of wagers;

7 (3) the amount of prizes distributed to the winners of the pool;

8 (4) the amount and nature of each expense;

9 (5) the amount remaining after the payment of the prizes and expenses;

10 (6) any other information that the department requests or requires.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 05.15.100(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) The department may issue a permit to a municipality or qualified
13 organization. The permit gives the municipality or qualified organization the privilege
14 of conducting bingo, raffles and lotteries, pull-tab games, ice classics, race classics,
15 rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, deep freeze classics, canned salmon
16 classics, salmon classics, king salmon classics, dog mushers' contests, snow machine
17 classics, fish derbies, animal classics, **crane classics, Calcutta pools,** and contests of
18 skill.

19 * **Sec. 4.** AS 05.15.100(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) The department may issue an operator's license to a natural person to
21 conduct an activity permitted under this chapter, **other than a Calcutta pool,** on
22 behalf of a municipality or a qualified organization. The department may also issue an
23 operator's license to a municipality or a qualified organization to conduct an activity,
24 **other than a Calcutta pool,** on behalf of another municipality or qualified
25 organization.

26 * **Sec. 5.** AS 05.15.115(c) is amended to read:

27 (c) A permittee may not contract with more than one operator at a time to
28 conduct the same type of activity. For the purposes of this subsection, bingo games,
29 raffles, lotteries, pull-tab games, ice classics, race classics, rain classics, goose
30 classics, mercury classics, deep freeze classics, canned salmon classics, salmon
31 classics, king salmon classics, dog mushers' contests, snow machine classics, fish

1 derbies, animal classics, crane classics, Calcutta pools, and contests of skill are each
2 a different type of activity.

3 * **Sec. 6.** AS 05.15.160(d) is amended to read:

4 (d) The total amount of authorized expenses that may be incurred under (a) of
5 this section in connection with any gaming activity other than pull-tabs or Calcutta
6 pools may not exceed 90 percent of the adjusted gross income from that gaming
7 activity.

8 * **Sec. 7.** AS 05.15.160 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (e) The total amount of expenses that may be incurred and prizes that may be
10 awarded under (a) of this section in connection with a Calcutta pool may not exceed
11 70 percent of the pool of wagers.

12 * **Sec. 8.** AS 05.15.180(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) With the exception of raffles, lotteries, bingo games, pull-tab games, race
14 classics, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, deep freeze classics, dog
15 mushers' contests, snow machine classics, canned salmon classics, salmon classics,
16 animal classics, crane classics, Calcutta pools, and king salmon classics, an activity
17 may not be licensed under this chapter unless it existed in the state in substantially the
18 same form and was conducted in substantially the same manner before January 1,
19 1959. A snow machine classic may not be licensed under this chapter unless it has
20 been in existence for at least five years before the licensing. An animal classic may not
21 be licensed under this chapter unless it was in existence before November 1, 2002.

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

23 (h) A Calcutta pool may not be conducted for elementary, secondary, or post-
24 secondary school sporting events or for youth organization events. A permittee may
25 not accept a wager on a competitor in a Calcutta pool unless the competitor is 18 years
26 of age or older. A person may not place a wager on a competitor in a Calcutta pool
27 unless the competitor is 18 years of age or older. A Calcutta pool may not be
28 conducted unless the rules for the pool are publicly posted and available to all
29 participants in the pool.

30 * **Sec. 10.** AS 05.15.690 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

31 (46) "Calcutta pool" means a game of chance where a prize of money

1 is awarded from a pool of wagers on a contest of skill limited to amateur and
2 professional sporting events in the state in which those who wager bid at auction for
3 the exclusive right to purchase or wager upon a particular contestant or entrant in the
4 event;

5 (47) "crane classic" means a game of chance in which a prize of
6 money is awarded for the closest guess of the time of arrival of the first sandhill crane
7 to a particular place.