

**SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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Referred: Finance

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, and contests of skill are each a different type  
2 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 50 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) Only one Calcutta pool permit may be issued for each event and is limited  
24 to the permittee conducting the event or a permittee authorized by the person  
25 conducting the event if the person is not eligible to be a permittee. A Calcutta pool  
26 may not be conducted for elementary, secondary, or post-secondary school sporting  
27 events or for youth organization events. A person may not wager on a Calcutta pool  
28 unless the person is at least 18 years of age. A permittee may not accept a wager on a  
29 contestant or entrant in a Calcutta pool unless the contestant or entrant is or are 18  
30 years of age or older. A person may not place a wager on a contestant or entrant in a  
31 Calcutta pool unless the contestant or entrant is or are 18 years of age or older. A

1           Calcutta pool may not be conducted unless the rules for the pool are publicly posted  
2           and available to all participants in the pool.

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

4                           (46) "Calcutta pool" means a game of chance where a prize of money  
5           is awarded from a pool of wagers on a contest of skill limited to amateur and  
6           professional sporting events, other than horse racing, in the state in which those who  
7           wager bid at auction for the exclusive right to purchase or wager upon a particular  
8           contestant or entrant in the event;

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