

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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 Bill Version: HB 64  
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Identifier (file name): HB64-DOR-01-30-09 Dept. Affected: Revenue 04  
 Title: Gift Cards RDU: Taxation and Treasury  
 Component: Treasury Division  
 Sponsor: Representative Gatto  
 Requester: House - Labor and Commerce Component Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

**Bill Language:** This bill would redefine gift cards, using the new definition from AS 45.45.940. It would clarify that gift cards become unclaimed property after three years. It would remove expiration dates from gift cards. It would also add other conditions under which gift cards could be sold, and would make violating any of these conditions an unlawful trade practice.

**Revenues:** This bill will have no significant effect on revenue. Over the past 22 years, very little money from unclaimed gift cards has been turned over to the Department of Revenue's Unclaimed Property Unit, and a total of \$50,000 of that money has been deposited in the general fund in that period. The Department anticipates that in the future, contributions to the general fund from this source will continue close to the long-term average of approximately \$2,300 per year.

This bill may make businesses more aware of the need to turn over unclaimed gift cards to the Department. However, any increase in revenues to the general fund which might result is anticipated to be a small fraction of the current \$2,300 yearly average, and hence negligible.

Fines and forfeitures from unlawful trade practice enforcement related to gift cards are unknown.

**Expenditures:** It is not anticipated that this bill will result in any additional expenditures for the Department of Revenue. The current volume of unclaimed gift cards reported to the Unclaimed Property Unit is quite small, and the Department does not anticipate appreciable change in their workload stemming from this bill.