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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO.149

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act levying a tax on gross receipts of  
7 professional athletic and sports events;  
8 providing for penalties; and providing for  
9 an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 Section 1. TAX IMPOSED. a. There is hereby imposed a tax  
12 of five per cent of the gross receipts of all professional and  
13 semiprofessional athletic and sports events as defined by the  
14 Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.

15 b. For the purposes of this Act gross receipts shall mean  
16 all income from admissions resulting from the conducting of a  
17 professional or semiprofessional athletic or sports event.

18 Sec. 2. FILING REPORTS AND PAYING TAX. a. Within one  
19 week after the termination of any such contest, the manager, pro-  
20 moter or sponsor of such professional or semiprofessional  
21 athletic or sports event, shall file with the Department of  
22 Revenue a duly verified report showing the number of tickets sold  
23 and the price charged for such contest.

24 b. The gross receipts tax levied under this Act shall be  
25 paid to the Department of Revenue and covered into the general  
26 fund in accordance with procedure and regulations established by  
27 the commissioner of revenue, but in no event shall the tax be  
28 paid later than 30 days after the termination of such profession-  
29 al or semiprofessional athletic or sports event.

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1           Sec. 3. INTEREST. If the manager, promoter, or sponsor of  
2 said professional or semiprofessional athletic or sporting event  
3 fails to pay the gross receipts tax when due, there will be due  
4 in addition to any such tax, interest at the rate of six per  
5 cent per annum until such tax is paid.

6           Sec. 4. PENALTY. If the manager, promoter, or sponsor of  
7 said professional or semiprofessional athletic or sporting event  
8 fails to remit the tax when due, he will be subject to a penalty  
9 of five per cent of the total amount of the tax due for each 30  
10 days or fraction thereof said tax remains unpaid, up to a maxi-  
11 mum of 25% of the total amount of the gross receipts tax due.

12           Sec. 5. CRIMINAL PENALTY. Any person who wilfully files a  
13 fraudulent return or wilfully fails to pay or evades the tax  
14 herein imposed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon con-  
15 viction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00, or im-  
16 prisoned for not more than one year, or both, together with  
17 costs of prosecution.

18           Sec. 6. ATHLETIC AND SPORTS EVENTS SUBJECT TO TAX. For the  
19 purpose of this Act, the gross receipts tax on professional or  
20 semiprofessional athletic or sporting events shall include but  
21 not be limited to a gross receipts tax on each of the following  
22 athletic or sporting events: baseball, football, basketball,  
23 boxing, wrestling, hockey, tennis, dog mushing, automobile rac-  
24 ing, marathon racing, speedboat racing, yacht racing, horse and  
25 dog racing, track and field events, winter sports, swimming and  
26 diving and any form of animal racing, archery, and golf.

27           Sec. 7. ATHLETIC AND SPORTS EVENTS EXEMPT FROM TAX. The  
28 tax herein provided for shall be in no way construed to levy a  
29 tax on any amateur athletic and sports event.

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Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.