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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 298

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing state matching funds for the construc-
7 tion of sports facilities; and providing for an effec-
8 tive date."

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

10 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to enable municipali-
11 ties to provide facilities for professional, semiprofessional, amateur,
12 collegiate and scholastic spectator-oriented sports. Spectator interest
13 has demonstrated the need for these facilities, and experience indicates
14 that state assistance is required to provide them.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 43.18 is amended by adding new sections to read:

16 ARTICLE 4. SPORTS FACILITIES GRANTS.

17 Sec. 43.18.400. GRANT OF FUNDS FOR SPORTS FACILITIES. Subject to
18 appropriation, the state shall make matching grants to municipalities
19 of an amount equal to \$50 per capita population to pay not more than
20 one-half of the cost of construction of a facility to be used principally
21 for spectator-oriented sports.

22 Sec. 43.18.410. APPLICATION AND DISBURSEMENT. Application for a
23 grant under secs. 400 - 460 of this chapter shall be made before June 30,
24 1974. Funds shall be disbursed upon demonstration that a proposed
25 facility is of the type contemplated by secs. 400 - 460 of this chapter and
26 that the applicant will pay its share of the construction cost.

27 Sec. 43.18.420. MAINTENANCE AND EMPLOYMENT OF FACILITY. A munici-
28 pality shall maintain a facility and employ it, or cause it to be
29 employed, for the uses intended by secs. 400 - 460 of this chapter by

1 direct operation, by operation through a contract manager or by lease.

2 Sec. 43.18.430. POWER OF BOROUGH. A municipality may own,
3 maintain and employ a facility constructed under secs. 400 - 460 of
4 this chapter. The exercise of this power on an areawide basis is at
5 the option of the borough and is not subject to the restrictions on
6 acquiring additional areawide powers in AS 07.15.350.

7 Sec. 43.18.440. LIMITATION. No more than one grant under secs.
8 400 - 460 of this chapter may be made to a municipality.

9 Sec. 43.18.450. ADMINISTRATION. The commissioner shall administer
10 the grant program and in so doing liberally interpret this chapter.

11 Sec. 43.18.460. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 400 - 460 of this chapter

12 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce;

13 (2) "cost of construction" means the cost of borrowing,
14 site acquisition, design, site preparation, construction, equipment
15 acquisition and installation, but does not include the cost of promotion,
16 travel, or feasibility studies;

17 (3) "facility" means a covered stadium or arena or any
18 combination of them, or any other similar structure or structures,
19 including related improvements such as parking areas, locker rooms,
20 concession stands, restaurants, offices, press boxes, rest rooms, and
21 storage areas, and including fixed or portable equipment, used in the
22 operation of the facility;

23 (4) "municipality" means an organized borough of any class
24 or a first class city outside a borough;

25 (5) "population" means the population of a municipality
26 established by the final official 1970 U.S. Census;

27 (6) "used principally for spectator-oriented sports" means
28 that the major use of a facility shall be for sporting events such as
29 baseball, football, soccer, track and field meets, ice hockey,

1 basketball, and boxing and wrestling, viewed by spectators in substan-
2 tial numbers, and that the minor use of a facility may be for organized
3 participant-oriented sports and nonsports activities for which similar
4 facilities are commonly used.

5 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1972.
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