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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

2 *HCS* 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 con-
7 struction of sports facilities; and providing for an
8 effective 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 has
13 demonstrated the need for these facilities, and experience indicates that
14 state assistance is required to provide them.

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

16 ARTICLE. SPORTS FACILITIES GRANTS.

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

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

28 Sec. 43.18.420. MAINTENANCE AND EMPLOYMENT OF FACILITY. A
29 municipality shall maintain a facility and employ it, or cause it to be

1 employed, for the uses intended by secs. 400 - 460 of this chapter by
2 direct operation, by operation through a contract manager or by lease.

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

8 Sec. 43.18.440. LIMITATION. No more than one grant under secs.
9 400 - 460 of this chapter may be made to a municipality.

10 Sec. 43.18.450. ADMINISTRATION. The commissioner shall admin-
11 ister the grant program and in so doing liberally interpret this chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

26 (5) "population" means the population of a municipality
27 established by the final official 1970 U.S. Census or other reliable
28 population data;

29 (6) "used principally for spectator-oriented sports" means

1 that the major use of a facility shall be for sporting events such as
2 baseball, football, soccer, track and field meets, ice hockey, basket-
3 ball, and boxing and wrestling, viewed by spectators in substantial
4 numbers, and that the minor use of a facility may be for organized par-
5 ticipant-oriented sports and nonsports activities for which similar
6 facilities are commonly used.

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

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