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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR 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
8 an 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 sports. Spectator interest has demonstrated the
13 need for these facilities, and experience indicates that state assistance
14 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
18 to direct appropriation or through the proceeds of a bonding issue,
19 the state shall make matching grants to municipalities of an amount
20 equal to \$50 per capita, based on the population of the municipality,
21 to pay not more than one-half of the cost of construction of a
22 facility to be used principally for sports.

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

29 Sec. 43.18.420. MAINTENANCE AND EMPLOYMENT OF FACILITY. A

1 municipality shall maintain a facility and employ it, or cause it to be
2 employed, for the uses intended by secs. 400 - 460 of this chapter by
3 direct operation, by operation through a contract manager, or by lease.

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

9 Sec. 43.18.440. LIMITATION. No more than one grant under secs.
10 400 - 460 of this chapter may be made within an organized borough. If
11 an organized borough refuses or fails to undertake a project within
12 one year of the effective date of secs. 400 - 460 of this chapter, a
13 first class city within that organized borough may undertake a sports
14 facility project.

15 Sec. 43.18.450. ADMINISTRATION. The commissioner shall admin-
16 ister the grant program and in so doing liberally interpret secs. 400 -
17 460 of this chapter.

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

19 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of economic development

20 (2) "cost of construction" means the cost of borrowing,
21 site acquisition, design, site preparation, construction, equipment
22 acquisition and equipment installation, but does not include the cost
23 of promotion, travel, or feasibility studies;

24 (3) "facility" means a covered stadium or arena or any
25 combination of them, or any other similar structure or structures,
26 including related improvements such as parking areas, locker rooms,
27 concession stands, restaurants, offices, press boxes, rest rooms, and
28 storage areas, and including fixed or portable equipment, used in the
29 operation of the facility;

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

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

(6) "used principally for sports" means that the major use of a facility shall be for sporting events such as baseball games, rodeos, football games, soccer games, track and field meets, ice hockey matches, basketball games, and boxing and wrestling matches, viewed by spectators in substantial numbers, and that the use of a facility may be for organized participant sports and nonsports activities for which similar facilities are commonly used.

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