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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Requesting the Governor to direct the

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Department of Revenue to delay implemen-

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tation of charitable gaming regulations.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS in 1988 the Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature adopted compre-  
10 hensive legislation governing games of chance and contests of skill in the  
11 form of the Alaska Gaming Reform Act; and

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WHEREAS the Department of Revenue is currently responsible for adopt-  
13 ing regulations implementing the Alaska Gaming Reform Act; and

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WHEREAS responsibility for regulating charitable gaming activities in  
15 the state will be transferred from the Department of Revenue to the Depart-  
16 ment of Commerce and Economic Development July 1, 1989; and

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WHEREAS the Department of Revenue released over 60 pages of draft  
18 regulations on April 4, 1989, with the stated intent of implementing the  
19 regulations before the transfer of responsibility for regulating charitable  
20 gaming activities to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development;  
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WHEREAS the limited time frame and the extensive and complex nature of  
23 the draft regulations will not permit a reasonable chance of review and  
24 participation by charitable gaming organizations before implementation; and

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WHEREAS the 1988 Act adopted by the legislature established strict  
26 licensing guidelines and accountability for operators and for all charita-  
27 ble gaming activities that provide significant protection to charitable  
28 organizations and procedures for efficient regulation by the department;  
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1       WHEREAS the draft regulations and current practice of the Department  
2 of Revenue do not reasonably define operators and do not extend the protec-  
3 tion to charitable gaming organizations provided for under the Alaska  
4 Gaming Reform Act adopted by the legislature; and

5       WHEREAS the state's charitable gaming organizations provide essential  
6 services to the state and to communities and are entitled to the full  
7 protection of the law and assistance from agencies responsible for their  
8 regulation; and

9       WHEREAS charitable gaming organizations will be at risk if the draft  
10 regulations are implemented without substantial amendment and without their  
11 participation;

12       BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests  
13 the Governor to direct the commissioner of revenue to delay implementation  
14 of the draft regulations until at least 60 days after transfer of respon-  
15 sibility to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development; and be it

16       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor direct the commissioner of commerce  
17 and economic development to work closely with charitable gaming organiza-  
18 tions and members of the public to develop comprehensive regulations that  
19 reflect both the letter and intent of the law adopted by the legislature so  
20 that charitable organizations are adequately protected and that persons  
21 working in charitable gaming activities are adequately regulated.