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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE C&RA COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 279 (C&RA)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing off-track parimutuel racing as
7 charitable gaming."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 05.15.060 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (13) the determination of the percentage of total wagers in
11 an off-track parimutuel wagering event that must be distributed to the
12 holders of tickets on winning horses or combinations of horses; the
13 department may differentiate between the total wagers involving com-
14 binations of horses and the total wagers involving a single horse, and
15 may authorize the permittee or operator to retain breakage not to
16 exceed 20 percent of the total pool in a race.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 05.15.100(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) The commissioner may issue a permit to a municipality or
19 qualified organization. The permit gives the municipality or quali-
20 fied organization the privilege of conducting bingo, raffles and
21 lotteries, pull-tab games, ice classics, rain classics, goose clas-
22 sics, mercury classics, salmon classics, dog mushers' contests, fish
23 derbies, off-track parimutuel wagering events, and contests of skill.

24 * Sec. 3. AS 05.15.115(c) is amended to read:

25 (c) A permittee may not contract with more than one operator at
26 a time to conduct the same type of activity. For the purposes of this
27 subsection, bingo games, raffles, lotteries, pull-tab games, ice
28 classics, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, salmon
29 classics, dog mushers' contests, fish derbies, off-track parimutuel

1 wagering, contests of skill, and all activities permitted under
2 AS 05.15.100(b) are each a different type of activity.

3 * Sec. 4. AS 05.15.128 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (c) Except as provided in this subsection, subsections (a) and
5 (b) of this section do not apply to the extent an operator is conduct-
6 ing off-track parimutuel wagering on behalf of a permittee. The
7 department shall adopt regulations specifying the percentage of ad-
8 justed gross income from off-track parimutuel wagering that an opera-
9 tor must pay to a permittee. The department shall revoke the license
10 of an operator who fails to comply with these regulations for two
11 consecutive quarters. The operator may appeal the revocation as
12 provided in (b) of this section.

13 * Sec. 5. AS 05.15.160(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) The only expenses that may be incurred or paid in connection
15 with the operation of an activity under a permit issued under this
16 chapter are bona fide expenses reasonably necessary for

17 (1) goods, wares, [AND] merchandise, and, in the case of
18 off-track parimutuel wagering, televising rights, necessary for the
19 operation of the activity;

20 (2) personal services involved with the operation of the
21 activity, including those performed by

22 (A) an employee of the permittee; or

23 (B) an operator hired by the permittee to conduct the
24 activity if the compensation is not related to the receipts from
25 the activity.

26 * Sec. 6. AS 05.15.180(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) Except as provided in AS 05.15.100(b), this chapter does not
28 authorize the use of playing cards, dice, roulette wheels, coin-
29 operated instruments or machines, or other objects or instruments

1 used, designed, or intended primarily for gaming or gambling or any
2 other method or implement not expressly authorized by the commission-
3 er. Equipment for the processing of parimutuel wagers may be used in
4 off-track parimutuel wagering.

5 * Sec. 7. AS 05.15.180(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) With the exception of raffles, lotteries, bingo games, pull-
7 tab games, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, salmon
8 classics, off-track parimutuel wagering, and other activities author-
9 ized under AS 05.15.100(b), an activity may not be licensed under this
10 chapter unless it existed in the state in substantially the same form
11 and was conducted in substantially the same manner before January 1,
12 1959.

13 * Sec. 8. AS 05.15.180(f) is amended to read:

14 (f) A person under the age of 19 years may not play a bingo game
15 or engage in off-track parimutuel wagering.

16 * Sec. 9. AS 05.15.180(g) is amended to read:

17 (g) A municipality or a qualified organization may award a
18 maximum of \$1,000,000 in prizes each year in activities authorized
19 under this chapter; however, if a municipality or a qualified organi-
20 zation contracts with an operator to conduct on its behalf activities
21 authorized under this chapter, the municipality or qualified organiza-
22 tion may award a maximum of \$500,000 in prizes each year. In this
23 subsection, "activities authorized under this chapter" means all
24 activities subject to this chapter other than bingo and off-track
25 parimutuel wagering.

26 * Sec. 10. AS 05.15.210 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

27 (35) "breakage" means the odd cents by which the amount
28 payable on each dollar wagered in an off-track parimutuel wagering
29 event exceeds a multiple of 10 cents;

1 (36) "off-track parimutuel wagering" means a form of wager-
2 ing on the outcome of horse races shown by closed-circuit television
3 at a location different from the location where the race takes place
4 in which those who wager personally purchase tickets of various denom-
5 inations on a horse or combination of horses and all wagers for each
6 race are pooled and held by the race televisor for distribution; when
7 the outcome of the race has been decided, the race televisor distrib-
8 utes a percentage of the total wagers, according to regulations adopt-
9 ed by the department, to the holders of tickets on the winning horses
10 or combination of horses.