

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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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.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 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

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

14 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

17 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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22 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

25 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;
29 and

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 Senate respectfully requests the Governor to
13 direct the commissioner of revenue to delay implementation of the draft
14 regulations until at least 60 days after transfer of responsibility to the
15 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.