

HB

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TO: ALASKAN LEGISLATORS
PO BOX V
JUNEAU, AK 99811

ATTN: Representative Don Kubina

FROM: CONCERNED ALASKAN DART PLAYERS

IN REGARD: REGULATIONS GOVERNING DART PLAY IN ALASKA

Recent actions by the Alcohol Beverage Control Board have brought dramatic attention to the sport of darts. Please help dart players by supporting or changing legislation which would allow tournaments to be held without violation of Alaskan statutes. The following facts and examples will illustrate why darts need and deserve your support.

Approximately 2500 Alaskan dart players participate in local and national league play. Darts is a sport like bowling and marksmanship where skill and technique are critical factors in determining the outcome of the game. Under AS 11.66.280 Dart Associations have been threatened with violations of the gambling laws. By prosecuting darts under this statute, the ABC and Gaming commission is defining darts as a game of chance. This is not the case. By adding the word "Darts" to the definition of marksmanship in Alaska Administrative Code 15 AAC 105 160, darts would be immune from prosecution and placed in the category where they belong.

Dart Associations in this state are run as non-profit organizations. Positions on the Board of Directors and Executive Board are voluntary positions whose sole purpose is to manage and formulate league play and tournaments, not unlike softball, bowling, and pool. Dart Associations throughout the state host many charitable tournaments such as; Darts for Diabetes, Hospice of Tanana Valley, Jerry's Kids (MS), Youth League, Child Abuse and Youth Scholarship Programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to explain why dart players need changes made if the sport is to continue to grow and flourish in Alaska. Please inform me of actions needed to correct this inappropriate persecution. Dart players and their supporters are more than willing to advocate and support any legislator or agency that will benefit the sport of darts.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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February 20, 1991

Honorable Gene Kubina
House of Representatives
P. O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Kubina:

Attached is the Notice of Violation which was served at the Elks Lodge last Thursday evening.

Everyone understands the first part of the violation concerning the use of the Elks Lodge for a public event. We do not have problem with that. The problem occurs when darts are considered gambling because the entry fee is \$15.00. This would preclude the Association from even having a dart tournament at the Civic Center.

According to Gary Wing, an investigator with Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, all forms of tournament play such as pool and horseshoe tournaments will be affected. He stated that a pool tournament had been shut down last week.

He referred me to William Cassleman who is with the Fairbanks office that issues the Games of Chance and Skill permits. ~~Cassleman said that everything could be solved by adding the word "darts" to the definition of marksmanship in the Alaska Administrative Code 15 AAC 105.160.~~

We sure would appreciate anything you could do to help us. If it is necessary for the dart players around the state to call their representatives, just let me know. We've talked to people in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kenai and we're all ready.

Very truly yours,

Candy Saco

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MEMO

To: Representative Donley, Chair
Judiciary Committee

From: Representative Gene Kubina *Gene*

Re.: HB 187; An act relating to the definition of "contest
of skill" in the charitable gaming statutes.

Date: 19 March 1991

The Labor and Commerce Committee passed HB 187 out of committee today. I would appreciate having this bill brought before your committee at the earliest date.

I have enclosed a copy of the bill, sponsor statement, position paper from the Dept. of Commerce, and several letters. If I can provide any other backup, please contact me.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Sponser: Representative Gene Kubina
Subject: House Bill 187 - Contests of Skill: Darting
Date: 12 February 1991

HB187 is intended to amend AS 05.15.180(b) in order to make darts, and other contests of skill, permissible forms of charitable gaming.

In order to keep the code consistent throughout, HB187 also amends 05.15.210(7) to extend the definition of contest of skill.

Rationale: this amendment clarifies the current laws in order to make certain such charitable activities, involving contests of skill, are within the proper constructs of state law.

As the law currently stands, private organizations will be unable to continue such traditional charitable functions as dart tourneys.

Discussion with John Hanson, head of the charitable gaming section of the Division of Occupational Licensing, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, have resulted in the development of this bill.

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HB 187 An Act relating to the definition of contest of skill in the charitable gaming statutes.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Development supports passage of House Bill 187.


Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner

Date: 3-18-91

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date Referred: March 4, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Judiciary
Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3-19-91

The LABOR AND COMMERCE Committee considered:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 187

DART TOURNAMENTS/CONTESTS OF SKILL

"An Act relating to the definition of contest of skill in the charitable gaming statutes."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with _____ [] the same title

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[] do pass

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no recommendations

[] individual recommendations

[] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

[] fiscal impact _____

[] fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note Commerce + Econ Dev

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		<i>Joe Miller</i>		✓	
<i>Jim B...</i>		<i>Robert Taylor</i>		X	
<i>E. Jung...</i>		<i>David Donley</i>		X	
<i>David Helt</i>					

David Helt
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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)
 Date Referred: March 21, 1991 FURTHER REFERRALS: Finance

Date of Committee Action: 5-17-91

The JUDICIARY Committee considered: HB 187

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