

**SB**

**279**



**Seward Chamber of Commerce  
Convention & Visitors Bureau**

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The Honorable Robin Taylor  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: SB 273

Dear Senator Taylor:

At the request of the Seward Chamber of Commerce Senator Torgerson introduced SB 279 relating to salmon classics and race classics.

**Sec. 4 AS 05.15.690(40) Section (B)** would specifically allow the Seward Chamber of Commerce Visitors and Convention Bureau to allow those who wish to to wager on the weight of the winning silver salmon caught during the Seward Silver Salmon<sup>®</sup> Derby, now in its 41<sup>st</sup> year.

**Sec. 5. AS 05.15.690 (45)** would also permit the Seward Chamber of Commerce Visitors and Convention Bureau to allow those who wish to to wager on the winning time of the winner of the Mt. Marathon Race<sup>®</sup> which has been run on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Seward for 69 years.

For many years, before the restrictions on this activity a local merchant sold many, many tickets to those who wanted to guess the winning time of the Mt. Marathon<sup>®</sup> Race with no adverse effects.

It is no longer possible, as a result of the cuts in revenue sharing with the cities, for the City of Seward to fund a major portion of the Chamber's budget as it has in past years. The operation of the Chamber is dependent solely on the proceeds from the Silver Salmon Derby<sup>®</sup>, which is dictated by the availability of fish and the vagaries of nature; and the Mt. Marathon Race<sup>®</sup>, which while world famous is not a large revenue generator.

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Along with some other forms of charitable gambling, we feel this is of benefit to the whole community of Seward, in that the businesses will not have to be opportuned to increase their already substantial support to the Chamber as it pursues its mission of economic development and tourism enhancement.


As with many other non-profit organizations, as State funds are diverted to other uses, other opportunities for revenue must be pursued. We feel this is an area of charitable gambling that is similar to other already approved classics and certainly not subject to manipulation. This would be conducted solely by the Seward Chamber of Commerce and would not be farmed out to an independent operator.

We would appreciate your support of this bill and pass it out of the Judiciary Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

**SEWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**



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*Senator John Torgerson*

## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

### SB 279 - Charitable Gaming Salmon and Race Classic

**Section 1:** Amends AS 05.15.100(a) by inserting "race classics".

**Section 2:** Amends AS 05.15.115(c) by inserting "race classics".

**Section 3:** Amends AS 05.15.180(b) by inserting "race classics".

**Section 4:** Amends AS 05.15.690(40) by including:

- (A)** new subsection "A" defined to renumber for additions (B) and (C), no language changes to existing section;
- (B)** New subsection and language authorizing a Seward Silver Salmon Derby Classic;
- (C)** New subsection and language authorizing a Sterling Area Senior Citizen's, Inc. sockeye salmon crossing classic.

**Section 5:** Amends AS 05.15.690 by inserting new subsection **(45)** which defines a "race classic".

**Sections 6 -8:** These bill sections amend a 1995 session law. They are necessary due to the sunset or repealer provided in ch. 13, SLA 1995. That session law provided for mushing sweepstakes and for the sunset of those sweepstakes in 2000. The sunset was accomplished by having sections 2, 4, and 6 of the session law take effect in the year 2000. Because those sections are going to be repealed and reenacted in 2000, it is necessary to amend the session law to include any intervening amendments to those sections to avoid the repeal of intervening amendments - like this one for "race classics".

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— SECTIONAL ANALYSIS —

Revision Date: March 13, 1996 Dept. Affected: Revenue  
 Title: Charitable Gaming Salmon and Race Classic BRU: Revenue Operations  
 Component: Charitable Gaming Division  
 Sponsor: Senator Torgerson  
 Requestor: (S) JUD COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1883

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1007 GF/Mental Health						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Department of Revenue, Charitable Gaming Division does not anticipate any changes in program receipts in respect to this bill.

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 Division: Charitable Gaming Division Date: 3/13/96  
 Approved by Commissioner: Wilson L. Condon Date: 3/13  
 Agency: Department of Revenue

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March 13, 1996

Senator John Torgeson  
State Capitol, Room 427  
Juneau, Ak. 99801

Dear Senator Torgeson;

The Sterling Area Senior Citizens fully support S.B.279 and ask that it be approved as soon as possible. We intend to make this our major fund raising activity. We ask for your assistance in obtaining legislative approval of our proposed annual classic.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Senior Center.

Sincerely,

*Will Casey*  
Will Casey  
Vice President  
Sterling Seniors