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Representative Ivan M. Ivan

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Lyda Green, Chair
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Ivan M. Ivan *IMI*

DATE: February 19, 1997

RE: Request for Scheduling of Committee Substitute for House Bill 20
(FIN)

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I respectfully request the scheduling of CSHB 20 (FIN) : Dog Mushing Contests, before the Senate State Affairs Committee at your earliest possible convenience.

This bill would allow dog mushers associations to conduct statewide games of chance on sled dog races that are recognized by the Division of Charitable Gaming.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. Please contact my aide, Tom Wright, if you require further information or if you have any questions.

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS - COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 20 (FIN)

Section 1: Amends AS 05.15.180(b) by adding dog mushers' contests to the list of permissible activities.

Section 2: Amends AS 05.15.690(12) by adding subsection (B) which states that a game of chance may be conducted by a dog mushers' association in conjunction with the race.

Section 3: Repeals and reenacts AS 05.15.180 (b). This new section reverts to original statute to include dog mushers' contests due to the sunset clause which was adopted with the passage of House Bill 146 in 1995.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT - COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 20 (FIN)

Committee Substitute for House Bill 20 (FIN) would authorize dog mushers' associations, which run races recognized by the Division of Charitable Gaming, to conduct statewide games of chance. The division recognizes those associations which have been in existence for at least three years, have at least 25 Alaskan members and be a not for profit organization. Prizes of money will be awarded for the closest guesses of at least three elements of uncertainty about a sled dog race that cannot be determined before the start of the race. The intent is to provide a mechanism to assist race organizing committees to become financially self-sufficient.

High profile protests from animal rights activists have caused important corporate sponsors to withdraw financial support. Committee Substitute for House Bill 20 (FIN) would create a sweepstakes similar to one passed by the previous legislature for the Iditarod Race Committee and, hopefully, allow sled dog races which do not have strong financial backing to continue.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 20 (FIN) will allow contestants to purchase tickets on which the contestant would guess the checkpoints and finish line arrival times, the temperature when the a particular team crosses the finish line, total number of dogs that finish the race, etc. The dog mushers' associations will administer the mushers' contests in conjunction with state regulatory authority.

PERMITTEE

Tuesday January 14, 1997

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PERMIT NUMBER	THE ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PERM CITY	PERM STATE	PERM ZIP	PERMITTEE TYPE
960010	GREATER ANCHORAGE, INC.	327 EAGLE STREET	ANCHORAGE	AK	99501	PERMITTEE
960018	KUSKOOWIM 300 RACE COMMITTEE, INC.	P.O. BOX 330	BETHEL	AK	99559	PERMITTEE
960077	MONTANA CREEK DOG MUSHERS ASSOC. INC.	P.O. BOX 873279	WASILLA	AK	99687	PERMITTEE
960121	NOORVIK SPORTS CLUB	P.O. BOX 141	NOORVIK	AK	99763	PERMITTEE
960128	YUKON QUEST INTERNATIONAL	P.O. BOX 75015	FAIRBANKS	AK	99707	PERMITTEE
960131	IDITAROD TRAIL COMMITTEE, INC.	P.O. BOX 870800	WASILLA	AK	99687	PERMITTEE
960253	TANANA DOG MUSHERS ASSN	PO BOX 55	TANANA	AK	99777	PERMITTEE
960313	GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	250 CUSHMAN STREET SUITE 2 D	FAIRBANKS	AK	99701	PERMITTEE
960335	KIANA BLUFF JUMPERS SEARCH & RESCUE	P.O. BOX 74	KIANA	AK	99749	PERMITTEE
960408	CHISTOCHINA VILLAGE COUNCIL	PO BOX 241	GAKONA	AK	99586	PERMITTEE
960434	ALPINE CIVIC CLUB	P.O. BOX 344	SUTTON	AK	99674	PERMITTEE
960521	CITY OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE	P.O. BOX 32085	MOUNTAIN VILLAG	AK	99632	PERMITTEE
960549	ST MARYS FIRE DEPARTMENT	P.O. BOX 163	ST. MARYS	AK	99658	PERMITTEE
960635	NOME KENNEL CLUB	P.O. BOX 1892	NOME	AK	99762	PERMITTEE
960660	CHATANIKA NONPROFIT COMMUNITY COUNCIL	5760 OLD STEES HWY NORTH	FAIRBANKS	AK	99712	PERMITTEE
960818	INTERIOR DOG MUSHERS, INC.	P.O. BOX 30	MANLEY	AK	99756	PERMITTEE
960854	ALASKAN SLED DOG RACING ASSOCIATION	P.O. BOX 110569	ANCHORAGE	AK	99511	PERMITTEE
960994	GALENA DOG MUSHERS	PO BOX 14	GALENA	AK	99741	PERMITTEE
961051	CITY OF MUSLIA	P.O. BOX 10	MUSLIA	AK	99746	PERMITTEE
961062	NORTHWAY VILLAGE COUNCIL	P.O. BOX 476	NORTHWAY	AK	99764	PERMITTEE
961133	ALASKA DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION	PO BOX 70662	FAIRBANKS	AK	99707	PERMITTEE
961176	VENETIE VILLAGE COUNCIL	P.O. BOX 119	VENETIE	AK	99781	PERMITTEE
961279	BRISTOL BAT WINTERFEST	P.O. BOX 433	KING SALMON	AK	99613	PERMITTEE
961283	SHISHMAREF DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION (DONT	GENERAL DELIVERY	SHISHMAREF	AK	96772	PERMITTEE
961285	KING SALMON NATIVE ASSOCIATION	P.O. BOX 68	KING SALMON	AK	99613	PERMITTEE
961407	NORTHERN LIGHTS BADGER LIONS	P.O. BOX 58117	FAIRBANKS	AK	99711	PERMITTEE
961544	AURORA INTERNATIONAL****SEE COMMENTS****	P.O. BOX 520581	BIG LAKE	AK	99652	PERMITTEE
961580	MUSLIA MUSLER'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION	P.O. BOX 64	MUSLIA	AK	99746	PERMITTEE
961592	FAIRBANKS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU	550 FIRST AVENUE	FAIRBANKS	AK	99701	PERMITTEE
961650	MUSHERS CLUB	P.O. BOX 21	RUSSIAN MISSION	AK	99657	PERMITTEE
961688	IDITAROD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	901 N WASILLA FISHHOOK RD	WASILLA	AK	99654	PERMITTEE
961784	ALASKA BIRD OBSERVATORY	P.O. BOX 80505	FAIRBANKS	AK	99709	PERMITTEE

ISSUE PERMIT)

Chapter 013
Chapter: CH013
Source: SCS CSHB 146 (RLS)
Action Date: May 2, 1995
Effective Date: See Chapter
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AN ACT

Relating to an Iditarod mushing sweepstakes; and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. AS 05.15.100(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department may issue a permit to a municipality or qualified organization. The permit gives the municipality or qualified organization the privilege of conducting bingo, raffles and lotteries, pull-tab games, ice classics, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, mushing sweepstakes, canned salmon classics, salmon classics, king salmon classics, dog mushers' contests, fish derbies, and contests of skill.

* Sec. 2. AS 05.15.100(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(a) The department may issue a permit to a municipality or qualified organization. The permit gives the municipality or qualified organization the privilege of conducting bingo, raffles and lotteries, pull-tab games, ice classics, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, canned salmon classics, salmon classics, king salmon classics, dog mushers' contests, fish derbies, and contests of skill.

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

(c) A permittee may not contract with more than one operator at a time to conduct the same type of activity. For the purposes of this subsection, bingo games, raffles, lotteries, pull-tab games, ice classics, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, mushing sweepstakes, canned salmon classics, salmon classics, king salmon classics, dog mushers' contests, fish derbies, contests of skill, and all activities permitted under AS 05.15.100(b) are each a different type of activity.

* Sec. 4. AS 05.15.115(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(c) A permittee may not contract with more than one operator at a time to conduct the same type of activity. For the purposes of this subsection, bingo games, raffles, lotteries, pull-tab games, ice classics, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, canned salmon classics, salmon classics, king salmon classics, dog mushers' contests, fish derbies, contests of skill, and all activities permitted under AS 05.15.100(b) are each a different type of activity.

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

(b) With the exception of raffles, lotteries, bingo games, pull-tab games, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, mushing sweepstakes, canned salmon classics, salmon classics, king salmon classics, and other activities authorized under AS 05.15.100(b), an activity may not be licensed under this chapter unless it existed in the state in substantially the same form and was conducted in substantially the same manner before January 1, 1959.

* Sec. 6. AS 05.15.180(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(b) With the exception of raffles, lotteries, bingo games, pull-tab games, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, canned salmon classics, salmon classics, king salmon classics,

and other activities authorized under AS 05.15.100(b), an activity may not be licensed under this chapter unless it existed in the state in substantially the same form and was conducted in substantially the same manner before January 1, 1959.

* Sec. 7. AS 05.15.690 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(42) "mushing sweepstakes" means a game of chance where a prize of money is awarded for the closest guess or guesses of at least three elements of uncertainty about a sled dog race that cannot be determined before the commencement of the race, and is limited to the Iditarod Sweepstakes operated and administered by the Iditarod Trail Committee.

* Sec. 8. AS 05.15.690(42) is repealed December 31, 1999.

* Sec. 9. Sections 2, 4, and 6 take effect January 1, 2000.



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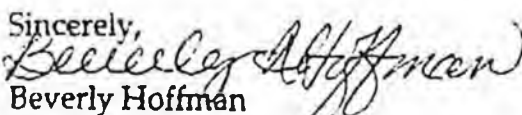
Representative Ivan
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February 6, 1996

The Kuskokwim 300 Race Committee is dedicated to promoting and strengthening the sport and activities related to dog mushing in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta. The Committee also participates in educational outreach projects, and annually marks over 300 miles of established village trails, making travel safer in our region. In the recent Kuskokwim 300 Family of Races: The Kuskokwim 300, The Bogus Creek 150, and the Akiak Dash, almost 50 local teams competed, the actual number of teams in the region is probably 100! In the past year, the Committee distributed over \$100,000 to local mushers and villages participating in dog mushing events.

The Kuskokwim 300 Race Committee supports House Bill No. 20 relating to dog mushers' contests.

This amendment would allow village dog mushing organizations to establish contests that would help with local races and dog mushing activities, including educational outreach on dog care and safety, and trail maintenance.

Sincerely,

Beverly Hoffman
Race Manager

**THE "KUSKOKWIM 300" IS AN ANNUAL DOG SLED RACE
FROM BETHEL TO ANIAK AND BACK**

The Race Route follows Old Dog Team Mail Routes Along The Kuskokwim Delta

Yukon Quest International, L'td
P.O. Box 75015
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Representative Ivan Ivan
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau AK 99801

1 February 1997

Dear Representative Ivan,

I am writing you on behalf of the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race Board of Directors to express our support of HB20.

Staging a quality sled dog racing event requires large infusions of capital, and any way of making this an easier goal to achieve is highly desirable. HB20 is one way these goals might be accomplished.

I am sending copies of this letter to members of the Interior Delegation so that they will be aware of our support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Scott Chesney
President, Yukon Quest International

cc: Mike Miller, Gene Therriault, Al Vezey, Pete Kelly, John Davies, Tom Brice

To Representative IVAN:

The Interior Dog Mushers, Inc. of
MANLEY, ALASKA ARE in complete
support of House Bill number 20.

Sincerely

Willow Saltie
Primary Member in charge of Gaming

Board Members:

Joe Redington, Jr. - President
Melanie Mulligan - Vice President
Rick Gray - Treasurer
Heather Redington-Youngblood - Secretary
Linda Johnson
Ed SALTER
Lew Beyer

2/3/97

On behalf of the Tanana Dog Musher's Association, We support House Bill No. 20.

This is a good way to raise revenue for our dog races, and support our local organizations, such as library, teen center, sponsorships for local dog mushers who want to enter the Iditarod race, Yukon Quest, North American, or Fur Rendezvous.

Thank-you

Tom Hyslop

Treasurer Tanana Dog Musher's.