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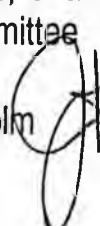
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DATE: April 15, 2003
TO: Senator Ralph Seekins, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: Representative Jim Holm 
RE: HB 34

Please schedule HB 34. REPEAL SUNSET OF NEGOTIATED REGULATION MAKING, for hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee at your earliest convenience.

Back-up information is attached. It's very important that this bill pass the legislature before the end of this session, so time is critical.

Thank you very much for your help.

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House Bill 34

Repealing the Sunset of Negotiated Regulation Making

A process called Negotiated Regulation Making ("Neg-Reg") was authorized in statute in SLA 1998, Ch 117. The original bill, House Bill 264, has a sunset date of July 1, 2003. House Bill 34 repeals that sunset, thus allowing the Neg-Reg process to continue.

Negotiated regulation making is widely supported because it makes the regulation-writing process more applicable to reality. It allows a team of affected, interested parties to negotiate and submit recommendations BEFORE the regulations are published for public review.

Most notable successes to date have been cruise ship regulations and charitable gaming regulations, two extremely contentious issues that were favorably resolved using the negotiated regulation process. Though it does involve some up-front efforts to assemble the negotiating team, it saves far more at the other end of the process by eliminating lawsuits and lengthy public appeals.

Another important advantage is that the affected industries are involved from the beginning so the resulting regulations are far more practical, enforceable, and business-friendly.

Passage of HB 34 before the end of the 2003 legislative session will allow this valuable "Neg-Reg" process to remain in statute.

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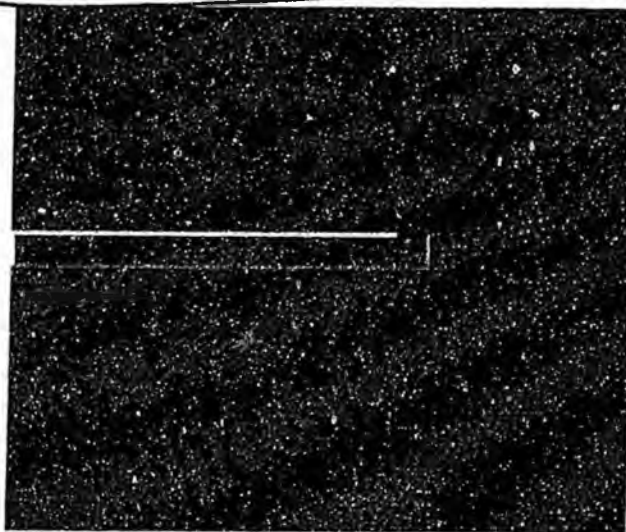


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Negotiated Regulations Committee

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Division Concerns and Focus

Alaska's gaming laws limit the amount of expenses that may be incurred under a gaming permit to ensure that permit holders receive at least a minimum financial benefit from their gaming activities. Beginning in 1998 the Division's focus has been on compliance with the expense limitations and minimum profit distributions.

The Department of Revenue, with the assistance of the Department of Law, has committed substantial resources to bring into compliance the activities of Multiple-Beneficiary Permit holders (MBPs). The first step in this process was to ensure that MBPs complied with minimum distribution requirements. In 1997, MBPs failed to meet their statutorily required payment distributions by \$850,000. With a concerted effort, the Division was able to increase compliance on payment so that there were no MBP deficits in 2001.

The second step in the process focused on ensuring that MBPs not only met the minimum distributions, but also adhered to authorized expense limitations provided by statute. With the increased enforcement, one MBP ceased operations and two others agreed to suspend operations for a year as a result of being out of compliance in 1999.

MBP gaming activities in 2000 and 2001 appeared to meet the minimum requirements as set out in the statutes, with one exception. The MBP that did not meet the minimums later agreed to dedicate a certain percentage of its net proceeds over a period of two years to the Alaska Children's Trust. The Division still remains concerned whether the amount of proceeds received by some qualified organizations is sufficient. The Division, along with the Department of Law, is working to ensure that only bona fide expenses reasonably necessary to conduct gaming activities are allowed. The focus has been, and will continue to be, directed toward excessive rents, compensation and fees charged in conjunction with running or managing gaming operations.

* In 2001, the Division proposed regulations and held public hearings in an effort to address various issues including unlicensed operators, conflicts of interest, methods of accounting, capital contributions, loans and gifts, and rules for MBPs. The comments received during the public hearing process indicated unhappiness with the process and confusion with the proposed regulations. As a result, the Department of Revenue decided to go forward with a process known as negotiated rule-making in an effort to garner input and suggestions about how to present the best possible regulations to deal with the issues at hand.

Division Concerns and Focus

The rule-making committee, appointed by the Commissioner of Revenue, consisted of eleven members, who represented the interest of permittees, operators, MBPs, distributors, vendors, the public and the Department. Using the Department's 2001 proposed regulations as a working document, the committee held nine meetings over five months in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kenai to take public testimony, review, discuss and draft new proposed regulations. The committee issued its final report on July 31, 2002. The report reflected consensus on every provision of its proposed regulations, except the issue of whether a person who manages more than one permittee must become an operator, and the provision that a distributor cannot be a lessor of property used to conduct gaming activity. The vote on the affected provisions was nine for and two against.

* Public hearings on the rule-making committee's proposed regulations were held in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Soldotna and Juneau, August 26, through August 29, 2002. The department used the consensus of the committee, public testimony and written comments as a basis for the regulations it adopted on November 19, 2002. These regulations will be effective January 1, 2003.

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