

## **Sponsor Statement For House Bill 275**

# **Broadcasting Promoting Charitable Gaming**

"An Act relating to the use of broadcasting to promote charitable gaming activities."

[House Bill 275](#) will allow broadcasting organizations to promote a raffle or lottery, as well as a fish derby or classic. Currently, there is no law allowing radio or TV when it comes to advertising and promotion of any state licensed non-profit lottery or game of chance. Newspapers, magazines and other print media are exempt from prohibition.

The United States Congress enacted the "Charity Games Advertising Clarification Act of 1988." That act removed the absolute federal bar to the use of broadcasting to promote or conduct gambling or lotteries. In its place, an exception was created for lotteries conducted by states and lotteries, gift enterprises, or similar schemes which are authorized under state law (or at least not prohibited by state law) not-for-profit organizations or a governmental organization.

Other States have enacted laws to allow broadcasting organizations to promote not-for-profit organization activities. Currently the State of Alaska does not allow broadcasting organizations to promote a raffle, lottery, fish derby or classic. This bill will allow broadcasters of radio and TV to promote charitable gaming activities. Examples of advertising would be: Girl Scout/Boy Scout fundraising event, Lions Kenai River Duck Race, a Little League Bingo Game, A Baseball Fund Raising Event, a Chamber Pull-Tab Shop, just to mention a few.