

Lawful Gambling Tax Relief Needed NOW

Please Contact YOUR Minnesota State Senator ASAP!!!

With the Minnesota Legislature passing a Statewide Smoking Ban on Friday, May 11, 2007 it is more important than ever that the 7 percent reduction of lawful gambling taxes for 3 years passed by the Minnesota House of Representatives on 4/27/07 be included in the final 2007 Omnibus Tax Bill.

If we want to see a lawful gambling tax reduction in the 2007 Omnibus Tax Bill we need to make sure that Minnesota State Senators are hearing from THEIR CONSTITUENTS in the next day or two that this is an IMPORTANT ISSUE that needs to be acted upon this session.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW: During the next couple of days please call *YOUR Minnesota State Senator* and ask them to strongly encourage the HF 2362 Omnibus Tax Bill Senate Conferees to please **ADOPT** the House 7% Lawful Gambling Tax Reduction. A sample phone message is printed below. We need YOUR help to ensure that the House position will prevail - please call YOUR Minnesota State Senator IMMEDIATELY!

Every licensed charitable gambling organization/company needs to get as many members and employees as possible to call THEIR Minnesota State Senator as outlined above in the next few days. *Minnesota State Senators need to hear from THEIR CONSTITUENTS that Reducing Lawful Gambling Taxes is a TOP PRIORITY that MUST be acted upon this legislative session.* Please note with the Minnesota Legislature adjourning on Monday, May 21, 2007 time is of the essence - please call YOUR Minnesota State Senator NOW!

Sample Phone Message To YOUR Minnesota State Senator

Hello, this is (your name) of the (name of organization/company). With the Minnesota Legislature passing a Statewide Smoking Ban last Friday we urgently request that Senator (last name) strongly encourage the HF 2362 Omnibus Tax Bill Senate Conferees to please ADOPT the House 7% Lawful Gambling Tax Reduction. Thank You!

Special Note To Fraternal Organizations

In the next few days the Minnesota House of Representatives will be taking up SF 1966 ACM's Charitable Gambling Policy Bill which passed the Minnesota Senate on April 23, 2007 by a vote of 64-0. The House chief author Representative Tom Anzelc will be substituting the language of HF 1691 the House 2007 Omnibus Lawful Gambling Policy Bill into SF 1966 when the House takes up the bill. The major difference between SF 1966 and HF 1691 is the House bill contains modified language from HF 271 which adds a definition of fraternal organization and allows licensed fraternal organizations to pay for utility costs as a lawful purpose expenditure (LPE A-16).

If your organization wants to see the House language relating to fraternal organizations included in the final version of SF 1966 it critical that organization members and employees call THEIR Minnesota State Senator as soon as possible. **It is going to take a massive grass roots effort to persuade the Senate to adopt the House language relating to fraternal organizations.** A sample phone message is printed below. At the very least the entire Board of Directors of each fraternal organization should call THEIR Minnesota State Senator ASAP to ask that they make sure that SF 1966 the Omnibus Lawful Gambling Policy Bill includes the House fraternal organization language.

Sample Phone Message To YOUR Minnesota State Senator

Hello, this is (your name) of the (name of organization/company). Please make sure the Senate adopts or accepts the House fraternal organization language in SF 1966 the Omnibus Lawful Gambling Policy Bill. Thank You!



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