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HF 1485 Passes 2 House Committees

On Tuesday, April 26, 2011 the House Commerce & Regulatory Reform Committee heard and passed **HF 1485, Allied Charities Of Minnesota 2011 Charitable Gambling Bill**. A delete all amendment which put the bill in the shape we desired was adopted. The bill was recommended to pass as amended and re-referred to the House State Government Finance Committee.

On Thursday, May 5, 2011 the House State Government Finance Committee heard and passed **HF 1485, Allied Charities Of Minnesota 2011 Charitable Gambling Bill**. An amendment clarifying that electronic game devices may not be slot machines and an amendment to provide the necessary and needed GCB staffing that would be required if **HF 1485** becomes law were adopted. The bill was recommended to pass as amended and re-referred to the House Taxes Committee (*See Page 2 - Please Contact Members NOW*).

HF 1485, Allied Charities Of Minnesota's 2011 Charitable Gambling Bill, is authored by Representatives **John Kriesel** of Cottage Grove, **David Dill** of Crane Lake, **Tom Tillberry** of Fridley, **Joe Hoppe** of Chaska, **Kurt Zellers** of Maple Grove, **Mark Murdock** of Ottertail, **John Ward** of Brainerd, **Ron Shimanski** of Silver Lake, & **Sondra Erickson**

of Princeton. The web link to the **HF 1485** status page which contains complete information including bill text, authors, descriptions, and actions is printed below. Or go to the ACM web site and click on MN Legislature then House or Senate Gambling Bills 2011-2012 to view.

Allied Charities Of Minnesota's 2011 Charitable Gambling Bill primarily does 2 things:

1. **SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES CHARITABLE GAMBLING TAXES (a minimum of 41%)**. Bingo, Raffle, & Paddlewheel Tax rate changed from 8.5% to 5%, Pull-Tab & Tipboard Tax rate changed from 1.7% to 1%, Combined Receipts Tax rates changed from 1.7%, 3.4%, 5.1% to 1%, 2%, & 3% and brackets changed from \$500,000-\$700,000, \$700,000-\$900,000, & \$900,000+ to \$600,000-\$800,000, \$800,000-\$1,000,000, & \$1,000,000+, Combined Receipts Tax changed to individual site-by-site basis.

2. **MODERNIZES OUR CURRENT GAMES WITHIN OUR CURRENT STRUCTURE TO ALLOW CHARITABLE GAMBLING ORGANIZATIONS TO SURVIVE & THRIVE IN THE YEARS AHEAD**. Electronic linked bingo and electronic pull-tabs are authorized.

HF 1485 House Status Page may be viewed at:

www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1485&cssn=0&y=2011&ls=87

SF 702 Passes Senate Committee

On Wednesday, May 4, 2011 the Senate State Government Innovations & Veterans Committee heard and passed **SF 702, Allied Charities Of Minnesota 2011 Charitable Gambling Bill**. This bill is the companion to HF 1485 described above. A delete all amendment which put the bill in the shape we desired was adopted. The bill was recommended to pass as amended and re-referred to the Senate Taxes Committee (*See Page 3 - Please Contact Members NOW*).

SF 702, Allied Charities Of Minnesota's 2011 Charitable Gambling Bill, is authored by Senators **Mike Parry** of Waseca, **James Metzen** of South St. Paul, **Chuck Wiger** of Maplewood, & **Michelle Fischbach** of Paynesville. The web link to the **SF 702** status page which contains complete information including bill text, authors, descriptions, and actions is printed below. Or go to the ACM web site and click on MN Legislature then House or Senate Gambling Bills 2011-2012 to view.

SF 702 Senate Status Page may be viewed at:

www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF0702&cssn=0&y=2011

Please Contact Minnesota House Taxes Committee NOW

To ensure that **HF 1485** passes the House Taxes Committee we strongly encourage you to contact the 29 committee members via phone or e-mail in the next few days and ask for their support of **HF 1485** (see messages below). The House Taxes Committee members are listed below with their phone number and e-mail information.

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Sample Phone Message

Hello this is (your name) of the (your organization/company). Please support and pass HF 1485, Allied Charities Of Minnesota's 2011 Charitable Gambling Bill, which reduces charitable gambling taxes and modernizes our current games by authorizing electronic linked bingo and electronic pull-tabs within our current structure to allow charitable gambling organizations to survive & thrive in the years ahead. Thank You!

Sample E-Mail

Subject - Please Support HF 1485

Representative _____,

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Thank You!

(your name)

(your organization/company)

(your address)

Please Contact Minnesota Senate Taxes Committee NOW

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Sample E-Mail

Subject - Please Support SF 702

Senator _____,

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Thank You!

(your name)

(your organization/company)

(your address)

SF 994/HF 1633 Passes House & Senate Committees

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011 the Senate State Government Innovations & Veterans Committee heard and passed **SF 944**. The bill was recommended to pass as amended and was sent to the Minnesota Senate. ***This bill essentially provides bingo halls an allowable expenses percent increase.*** On Thursday, May 5, 2011 the House State Government

Finance Committee heard and passed **HF 1633** (*SF 944 companion*). The bill was recommended to pass as amended and re-referred to the House Taxes Committee. On Friday, May 6, 2012 the House State Government Committee reconsidered **HF 1633** and the bill was recommended to pass as amended and was sent to the Minnesota House.



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2011 Gambling Bill Introductions

Listed below are the 2011 Gambling Bills introduced since the 4.18.11 ACM Legislative Update (thru 5.8.11):

Senate File (SF) 1255 (Tomassoni; Sparks) - State Lottery director authorized to establish video lottery terminals, duties and powers provided to director of the State Lottery, video lottery revenues use provided, lawful gambling taxes modified, and clarifying, conforming, and technical changes made. (*Companion to HF 1355*)

SF 1390 (Dibble; Gazelka) & House File (HF) 1654 (Hornstein; Banaian) - Gambling social and economic costs in Minnesota study required, and money appropriated.

SF 1399 (Parry; Hoffman; Gazelka; Hall) & HF 1673 (Benson, M.; Gruenhagen) - Class III gambling prohibition.

HF 1501 (Shimanski; Rukavina; Hosch; Hamilton; Franson; Nornes; Gunther; Kriesel) - Electronic linked bingo provided for, and electronic pull-tabs and video lottery terminals established. (*Profit Minnesota/MLBA Bill - Companion to HF 174*)

HF 1623 (Kahn; Rukavina; Lillie) - State Lottery authorized to offer games involving sports wagering and sports wagering pools, sports bookmaking under licenses issued by the director of the State Lottery

authorized, and tax on licensed sports bookmaking imposed.

HF 1631 (Kriesel) - Sports pool tipboard games authorized.

HF 1633 (Norton; Davids) - Bingo gross profits use for allowable expenses percent increase. (*Companion to SF 994*)

HF 1675 (Kriesel) - Lottery facility games established; tax imposed on and providing for facility revenues; powers and duties provided to the director; and clarifying, conforming, and technical changes made.

To view all 2011 Minnesota Senate Gambling Bills (14 as of 5.8.11) go to the web address below (then bookmark this page):

www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_results.php?body=Senate&search=topic&session=0872011&topic%5B%5D=2479&submit_topic=GO

To view all 2011 Minnesota House Gambling Bills (17 as of 4.17.11) go to the web address below (then bookmark this page):

www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_results.php?body=House&search=topic&session=0872011&topic%5B%5D=1206&submit_topic=GO