



ACM Legislative Update 6/14/07

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Dear ACM Members, Associate Members, & Friends;

First, on Friday, May 25, 2007 **Governor Tim Pawlenty** signed into law **Chapter 145 - SF 1966, the 2007 Omnibus Lawful Gambling Policy Bill**, which includes a number of changes to Minnesota's Lawful Gambling Statutes. **SF 1966** was authored by **Senator Ann Rest** of New Hope and **Representative Tom Anzelc** of Balsam Township. **SF 1966** was originally passed by the Minnesota Senate on Monday, April 23, 2007 by a vote of 63-0 and repassed as amended by the Minnesota House Of Representatives by a vote of 66-0 on May 21, 2007. **SF 1966** was passed by the Minnesota House Of Representatives on Monday, May 21, 2007 by a vote of 134-0. **SF 1966** was presented to the Governor on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

Enclosed is a 12 page booklet (white insert with blue ink) with the complete details of **Chapter 145 - SF 1966, the 2007 Omnibus Lawful Gambling Policy Bill**. This includes the 2nd Engrossment of **SF 1966** which is the language passed by the Minnesota Legislature, a Gambling Control Board Summary of Legislative Changes from the May/June 2007 GAMING NEWS sent out early in June, and the Bill Status Page showing the Official Senate & House Actions on **SF 1966**.

Please note that Sections 5-8 of SF 1966 were effective May 26, 2007; Section 4 of SF 1966 is effective July 1, 2007; and Sections 1-3 of SF 1966 are effective August 1, 2007.

A SPECIAL THANKS to Senator Ann Rest and Representative Tom Anzelc for their hard work on Chapter 145 - SF 1966, the 2007 Omnibus Lawful Gambling Policy Bill. We would also like to THANK the other authors of SF 1966/HF 1691 - Senators **Dan Sparks** of Austin, **Chris Gerlach** of Apple Valley, **Dick Day** of Owatonna, & **Dan Larson** of Bloomington and Representatives **Joe Atkins** of Inver Grove Heights, **Kurt Zellers** of Maple Grove, & **Carla Bigham** of Cottage Grove. THANKS also to Senator **James Metzen** of South St. Paul the original chief author of **SF 1966** who graciously allowed Senator **Rest** to substitute in as the chief author.

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Sections 1 & 2 of Chapter 145 - SF 1966 are from **HF 271/SF163** and we **THANK** the authors Representatives **Larry Haws** of St. Cloud, **John Ward** of Brainerd, **Bob Gunther** of Fairmont, **Connie Ruth** of Owatonna, **Dan Severson** of Sauk Rapids, **Steve Gottwalt** of St. Cloud, **Leon Lillie** of North St. Paul, & **Jim Abeler** of Anoka and Senators **Dan Sparks** of Austin, **Tarryl Clark** of St. Cloud, **Yvonne Prettner Solon** of Duluth, **David Tomassoni** of Chisholm, & **James Metzen** of South St. Paul.

Second, on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 **Governor Tim Pawlenty VETOED Chapter 149 - HF 2268, the 2007 Omnibus Tax Bill**, which unfortunately means that the classification property class shift for community service-oriented organizations which House research indicated would reduce property taxes by about 30% for qualifying organizations DID NOT become law. There is a slim possibility that a Special Session will be called to pass a modified Omnibus Tax Bill. **As always we will keep you posted.**

Third, an Allied Charities Of Minnesota Membership Update. We closed Calendar Year 2006 with 902 Members & 93 Associate Members. We **THANK YOU** for your tremendous support and **SINCERELY APPRECIATE** your Membership or Associate Membership in ACM in 2006! As of 6/12/07 we have already received 424 Member Renewals and 57 Associate Member Renewals. ***If you have already sent in your 2007 ACM Registration Form & Dues we THANK YOU, particularly those who do not expire until later in the year.*** If you have not renewed for 2007 enclosed is a generic Renewal Invoice for your 2007 ACM Membership or Associate Membership Dues regardless of your expiration date. Your membership will be extended 12 months from the expiration date of your 2006 ACM Membership or Associate Membership upon receipt of the 2007 Renewal Form & payment. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. **Please note that renewal dues are not due until expiration month (see 2006 ACM Membership Certificate) unless you elect to pay them early (WHICH WE DO APPRECIATE AS IT MAKES PLANNING AND BUDGETING FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR MUCH EASIER).** Please note monthly Renewal Notices based on expiration date are generally sent out 3 months in advance of expiration (i.e. in June sent out expirations through September 2007). ***We look forward to working for you and with you again in 2007 and the future.***

Respectfully,

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Executive Director

SF 1966 Text & Status Page

To view **SF 1966** Text go to:

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=S1966.2.html&session=ls85>

To view **SF 1966** Status Page go to:

http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=sf1966&ssn=0&cy=2007