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CONTACT Senate Joint Committee NOW!

As noted below on 12.6.11 a Senate Joint Committee will be looking at electronic pull-tabs as a funding source for a proposed Vikings Stadium. It appears the administration, stadium sponsors, and media envision using the entire \$42 million in estimated new revenue from the authorization of electronic pull-tabs & electronic linked bingo to fund the stadium. **Unfortunately this would mean NO charitable gambling tax reform & relief.**

The primary focus of SF 702/HF 1485, *Allied Charities Of Minnesota's 2011 Charitable Gambling Bill which was reaffirmed at our recent Annual Meeting*, was to significantly reform & reduce Minnesota's charitable gambling taxes by authorizing electronic pull-tabs & electronic linked bingo. While our bill wasn't introduced to fund stadiums, IF a WIN WIN WIN situation can be worked out between charitable organizations, the administration, and the legislature for stadium funding, we are open to being involved in a stadium funding formula.

At this time we must send a strong clear message to the Senate Joint Committee that **IF** charitable gambling is going to be part of a stadium solution meaningful charitable gambling tax reform & relief **MUST** be included. ***The Committee needs to hear from the charitable gambling industry that authorizing electronic pull-tabs & electronic linked bingo to fund a stadium without charitable gambling tax reform & relief is UNACCEPTABLE.*** We need every charitable gambling organization/company in Minnesota to contact the Senate Joint Committee as per below **NOW** or we run the risk of seeing **NO** charitable gambling tax reform & relief. Even if you plan to attend the hearing we strongly recommend you submit your written comments/testimony.

Please send your written comments/testimony to Jenna.temte@senate.mn (preferred) or mail to Jenna Temte, Room, 120, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155-1606

Also copy Governor Dayton at <http://mn.gov/governor/contact-us/form/> or mail to Office of the Governor, Room 130, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Revision 1: Agenda Addition(s)

Joint Meeting: Committee on Taxes; Committee on State Government Innovation & Veterans
Chairs: Sen. Julianne E. Ortman, Sen. Mike Parry
12:30 p.m. Room 15 Capitol

Informational hearing on Vikings Stadium

Hearing will end by 6 pm - Committee room seating is limited. Overflow rooms with televisions will be available for additional public seating.

Agenda:

State and local support requested and financing options for stadium

NFL invited for testimony

Current Sources of Revenue

- a. Arts and Cultural Funds
- b. Minneapolis convention revenue

New Sources of Revenue

- a. ***Charitable Gaming electronic pulltabs***
- b. Racino
- c. Sports memorabilia sales tax
- d. NFL income tax surcharge
- e. Ticket surcharge on professional sports
- f. Block E

Public testimony

Prior sign up is highly recommended for public testimony, we will accommodate others as time permits. To testify, please contact Beth Kadoun, Senate Tax Committee Administrator, at beth.kadoun@senate.mn or 651-296-5640.

If unable to attend the hearing, written testimony may be sent to Jenna.temte@senate.mn. Written testimony will not be read aloud during the hearing but will be provided to members of the committee.