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House Bill 279

Omnibus Board Extensions

Sponsor Statement

Version: CS HB 279 (FIN)

Short Title: EXTENDING CERTAIN BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

House Bill 279 extends the sunset dates for five boards and one commission.

The Board of Barbers and Hairdressers would be extended to June 30, 2019; the Board of Dental Examiners to June 30, 2019; the Big Game Commercial Services Board to June 30, 2016; the Board of Nursing to June 30, 2019; the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to June 30, 2015; and the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission to June 30, 2014.

The bill also exempts the reauthorization from a state statute prohibiting a single bill reestablishing more than one board or commission. The omnibus extension is a more efficient mechanism for routine board and commission reauthorizations, particularly in a 90-day legislative session. The omnibus extension further allows for straightforward continuation of these important boards and commissions, disallowing policy shifts best managed through separate legislation.

HB 279 also includes a retroactivity section and immediate effective date to accommodate the four boards that were included in House Bill 126, last year's Omnibus Board Extension bill, which was vetoed by the Governor.

I urge prompt passage of this legislation.