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“An Act extending the termination date of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and providing for an effective date.”

House Bill 299 extends the sunset date for the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to June 30, 2022.

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 and Title 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), Legislative Audit reviewed the activities of the ABC Board and determined the board is effectively serving the public by controlling the manufacture, barter, possession, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the state.

The audit concluded the board should improve its procedures for issuing renewals, recreational site licenses, and beverage dispensary licenses that encourage tourism. Testing found these licenses were not consistently issued in accordance with statutes. Additionally, operational improvements are needed in enforcing laws, monitoring board-related local law enforcement activity, and processing refunds to municipalities.

The ABC Board serves an important role in guarding the health and safety of Alaskans by protecting the general public through the issuance, renewal, revocation, and suspension of alcoholic beverage licenses. The continuation of this board is very important.

If you have any questions, please contact my staff, Laura Stidolph, (907) 465-6879. Thank you for your support of this legislation.