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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Commas and controlled substances (CSHB 307(MLV);
Work Order No. 30-LS1099\D.1)

TO: Representative Chris Tuck
Attn: Kendra Kloster

FROM: Kate S. Glover *KSG*
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The amendment you requested for the military justice bill is attached.

The amendment does not delete the comma on p. 12, l. 5 of CSHB 307(MLV). The comma sets off the explanatory clause, "as a result of any alcoholic beverage or drug," and is grammatically necessary.

The amendment includes new sections relating to the definition of "controlled substance." With the amendment, the term "controlled substance" would be used three times in AS 26.05. Generally, when a term is used several times in a chapter, the term is defined at the end of the chapter instead of in the sections where the term is used. For that reason, the amendment repeals the definition of "controlled substance" in AS 26.05.870(c) and instead adds the definition to AS 26.05.990. The amendment also makes conforming changes to AS 26.05.855 (b) and (c), which include references to the definition of "controlled substance."

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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Attachment