



HB 197

Summary of Changes Ver. A to Ver. M

The word personal is removed from the bill when referencing “personal noncommercial” areas, such as noncommercial transfer of seed, noncommercial agriculture, etc. This change leaves the smaller-level gardener out of the bill, and instead focuses on seed libraries.

Page 1, line 9: removed the insertion of “commercial and noncommercial” since it is unnecessary in this section.

Page 2, line 22: inserted “regulate the labeling of seed that does not comply with the requirements of AS 03.02.130” – this requires anything over the weight limitation of 100 pounds for a single transfer to follow labeling requirements as determined by the department.

Page 3, lines 17-18: “individual” changed to “person” to align with the rest of the document.

Page 4, line 13: inserted language allowing the seed library to display a sign instead of requiring labeling on all individual packages that state “Not authorized for commercial use and not classified, graded, or inspected by the State of Alaska.”

Page 5, line 20-21: inserted a new subsection (8) to correct grammar under subsection (5).

Section 4 includes the following changes:

Sec. 03. 20.110 Allows for Noncommercial Transfer of seeds. The language outlining a maximum quantity allowed to be disbursed within a 12-month time period to an individual was removed.

Sec. 03.20.120 Allows for the use of seeds from a plant grown outside and imported into the state in a seed library as long as they are compliance with 03.05.010 (a)(5).

Sec. 03.20.130 The maximum allowed weight of seed sharing is increased to 100 pounds for each exchange. If the exchange is greater than 100 pounds, the department has the authority to regulate the labeling of seed.

Sec.03.20.150 adds Subsection A (i) and (ii) which states that no person is authorized to exchange or distribute seeds or plants regulated as a controlled substance under AS.11.71 and AS 17. 20 or marijuana under AS 17. 38.