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Sectional Analysis Senate Bill 174 version N

“An Act relating to the regulation of firearms and knives by the University of Alaska”

Section 1

It is the findings and intent of the legislature that the right to bear arms is constitutionally protected under Art. 1, Sec. 19 of the Alaska Constitution, that the University Of Alaska Board Of Regents may not abridge that right, and the legislature reserves to the state the authority to regulate firearms.

Section 2

Amends AS 14.40 (The University of Alaska and the Community Colleges statutes) affirming the authority to regulate firearms and knives is reserved to the state, the Board of Regents may not regulate firearms and knives except

1. In a manner identical to state law
2. When the behavior of a student or an employee demonstrates that the student or employee poses a risk of harm to self or others
3. In student dormitories or other shared living quarters
4. In university facilities where health services, counseling services, or other services related to sexual harassment or violence are provided
5. In university facilities during adjudication of staff or student disciplinary issues

The Board of Regents may adopt and enforce policies regulating the open carry of firearms and knives, restricting the discharge, and prohibiting the possession in restricted access areas.

The University is prohibited from creating a database or registry of persons who possess firearms on campus.

The University must establish a process allowing a person, who is prevented from carrying a concealed handgun or knife (after being determined by the University to be a threat to themselves or others), to regain the ability to carry a concealed handgun or knife on university property.

The University is immune from civil liability for policies enforced under this section.