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Sponsor Statement HB 98

“An Act relating to minor consuming and repeat minor consuming; and providing for an effective date.”

HB 98 fixes a problem that occurred with the enactment of HB 359, a bill that passed the House unanimously in the 25th Legislative Session. HB 359 originated due to the desire of Alaskan youths to join the military and not being able to due to probation restrictions from a minor consuming charge that may have occurred 5 years previously. Unfortunately, when the bill was drafted, it left a loop-hole in the repeat minor consuming law.

HB 98 fixes this loop-hole by amending the language of AS 04.16.050(c) to include in the list of predicate offenses for repeat minor consuming “previously granted suspended imposition of sentence”, and “a prior conviction under AS 04.16.050(b)(2).”

This new language will now cover all repeat offenders, no matter how their previous minor consuming charges were adjudicated.