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TO: Senator Kevin Meyer
FROM: Christine R. Marasigan, Legislative Aide *CRM*
DATE: February 18, 2010
RE: Explanation of changes to SB 194

SB 194 underwent two substantive changes in the Senate since introduction

Senate State Affairs Committee added three new sections to the original bill.

Over the 2009 interim, Anchorage CHARR had expressed the need to mandate some kind of alcohol education course for the minors licensees were bringing civil actions against. After consulting with Legislative Legal, it was determined that because a civil action is between two independent parties, a court couldn't really mandate an alcohol education course. As a result, a compromise was made by making the sentencing of a Juvenile Alcohol Safety Action program or similar program, optional at the discretion of the civil court.

The second substantive change to the bill was in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The first change was a housekeeping issue, which corrected two cross references to AS 04.16.050 to AS 04.16.050(1)(2). The second change increased the civil damages from \$1,000 to \$1,500 on persons with restrictions on purchasing alcohol who knowingly enter or remain on premises licensed to sell alcohol.