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MEMORANDUM

February 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of a Special 2011 Revisor's Bill Relating to a Criminal Law Issue (Work Order No. 27-LS0369\A)

TO: Representative Carl Gatto
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FROM: Gerald P. Luckhaupt
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This is a sectional summary of a special 2011 revisor's bill. The bill is prepared under AS 01.05.036, which provides, in part, that the Legislative Affairs Agency, working in cooperation with the Revisor of Statutes

shall make recommendations to the legislative council concerning deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions in and the need for reorganization or revision of the statutes, and, at the direction of the legislative council, shall prepare for submission to the legislature legislation for the correction or removal of the deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions, or to otherwise improve the form or substance of any portion of the statute law of this state. . . .

As a preliminary matter, please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill -- the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 of the bill amends AS 11.71.170(b)(11) by correcting a misspelling of the drug "lorazepam." AS 11.71.170(b)(11) was enacted in 1982 and at that time a typographical error was made and "**lorazepam**" was spelled incorrectly as "**lorazepan**."

Section 2 of the bill provides an applicability provision to clarify that the correction that is being made in sec. 1 is not a substantive change to the law and that it applies generally to all persons who might be affected by AS 11.71.170(b)(11) before, on, or after the effective date of this bill. This provision is included out of an abundance of caution to ensure that former or ongoing criminal prosecutions are not called into question.

Section 3 of the bill provides an immediate effective date.

If you have any questions about the bill or this summary, please contact me at your convenience.

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