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House Bill 279 Sponsor Statement

Short Title: EXTENDING CERTAIN BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

House Bill 279 extends the sunset dates for five boards and one commission as recommended by auditors to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.

The Board of Barbers and Hairdressers would be extended to June 30, 2019; the Board of Dental Examiners to June 30, 2019; the Big Game Commercial Services Board to June 30, 2016; the Board of Nursing to June 30, 2019; the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to June 30, 2015; and the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission to June 30, 2016.

The bill also exempts the reauthorization from a state statute prohibiting a single bill reestablishing more than one board or commission. The omnibus extension is a more efficient mechanism for routine board and commission reauthorizations, particularly in a 90-day legislative session. The omnibus extension further allows for straightforward continuation of these important boards and commissions, disallowing policy shifts best managed through separate legislation.

HB 279 also includes a retroactivity section and immediate effective date to accommodate the four boards that were included in House Bill 126, last year's Omnibus Board Extension bill, which was vetoed by the Governor.

I urge prompt passage of this legislation.