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HB 213 Sponsor Statement

Under the current statutes, unaccompanied minors can only enter a privately-owned golf course that is licensed to serve alcohol if (1) the premise has been designated as a restaurant in the liquor license, (2) The minor must be entering solely for the purpose of dining. Therefore, under current statutes Minors cannot play golf without being accompanied by an adult. House Bill 213 (HB 213) will provide the necessary classification and clarifications to rectify this problem.

Additionally, under current statutes privately owned golf courses in Alaska are not provided the same opportunities as golf courses on federal property (military installations). Privately owned golf courses are limited to beer and wine on the course, while golf courses located on federal property can serve a full array of alcoholic beverages. This limits the ability of privately owned golf courses to secure large scale events and tournaments when a federal course with a full liquor license is available.

House Bill 213 will clarify AS 04.11.115, AS 04.16.049, and AS 04.16.060 ensuring that private golf courses have the same opportunities as golf courses on federal lands. HB 213 will allow privately owned golf courses the ability to accommodate minors who want to enjoy a game with their peers, and generally follow the standards that have been established on the majority of golf courses throughout the lower 48.

Please join Representative Thompson in supporting this legislation.