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Sectional Analysis

Senate Bill 174

“An Act relating to the regulation of firearms and knives by the University of Alaska”

Section 1

It is the findings and intent of the legislature that the right to bear arms is constitutionally protected under Art. 1, Sec. 19 of the Alaska Constitution, that the University Of Alaska Board Of Regents may not abridge that right, and the legislature reserves to the state the authority to regulate firearms.

Section 2

Amends AS 14.40 (The University of Alaska and the Community Colleges statutes) affirming the authority to regulate firearms and knives is reserved to the state and except as provided by statute, the Board of Regents may not regulate firearms and knives.

The Board of Regents may adopt and enforce policies regulating the open carry of firearms and knives, restricting the discharge, and prohibiting the possession in restricted access areas.

The University is prohibited from creating a database or registry of persons who possess firearms on campus.

The University is also immune from civil liability for policies enforced under this section.

Section 3

The Board of Regents have 30 days after the effective date to adopt conforming policies.