



MAT-SU HEALTH
FOUNDATION

Resolution of Support for Senate Bill 165 (SB165), Revisions to Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes

Whereas, Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes is the law regulating alcoholic beverages in the State of Alaska; and

Whereas, the Alaska Statutes, §04.06.090 states that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board "shall control the manufacture, barter, possession, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the state" and that the Board "is vested with the powers, duties and responsibilities necessary for the control of alcoholic beverages"; and

Whereas, Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes has not been substantially updated since 1980; and

Whereas, over 70 stakeholders and staff representing the alcohol industry, public health and public safety spent over 8,000 hours of dedicated time during a period of more than three years to craft proposed revisions to Title ; and

Whereas, the comprehensive package of recommendations will, *as a whole*, promote a fair business climate and protect public health and safety, create rational regulation for all tiers of the state's alcohol industry, limit youth access to alcohol, and promote responsible alcohol use and reduce the harms of overconsumption; and

Whereas, high priority recommendations were identified by the stakeholder group for introduction to the Legislature in 2016 in the form of Senate Bill 165 (SB165); and

Whereas, the proposed recommendations will ensure the ABC Board fairly represents the interests of the Alaska people by bringing balanced perspectives to the decision making process; and

Whereas, the proposed recommendations will also reform underage drinking sanctions so that minors do not become criminals for making one poor decision, have incentive to complete an alcohol education program, and, by removing record of underage drinking convictions from CourtView, will not be stigmatized in future years; and

Whereas, the proposed revisions will benefit communities, businesses, and public health, safety and welfare;

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned on this date of February 10, 2016 support this set of proposed revisions to Title 4. We encourage the 29th Alaska State Legislature to pass Senate Bill 165 for the betterment of the Alaskan people.

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Signature 

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