

2/22/2016

The Honorable Peter Micciche  
Senator  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Room 514  
Juneau, Alaska 99801



Dear Senator Micciche:

I am a member of the Seward Prevention Coalition working to reduce underage drinking and drug use in our community. I am also the Director of Seward Parks & Recreation for the City of Seward, but I am writing this personally.

I am asking you to support Senate Bill 165 (SB165) to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. This Bill is the first product of a four-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 70 stakeholders to determine how to improve the structure, organization, specific policies and associated implementation issues in Title 4, Alaska's statutes regarding regulation and control of alcoholic beverages in the state.

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Thank you for tackling this important leadership. Please keep our voices in mind as the SB moves through the various committees. Please alert us when significant changes are proposed, so we can unite to maintain the integrity of these revisions.

Sincerely,  
Karin Sturdy, Member, Seward Prevention Coalition



February 8, 2016

Senator Peter Micciche  
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Dear Senator Micciche,

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for introducing SB 99 "An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; relating to the offense of minor consuming; relating to revocation of a driver's license for a minor consuming offense; relating to the effect of the revocation of a driver's license for a minor consuming offense on a motor vehicle liability insurance policy; and providing for an effective date."

The APOA Board of Directors recently reviewed this proposed legislation and unanimously supports this bill in its current form. Please contact the APOA business office in Anchorage at 277-0515, if there is anything our organization can do to assist in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Brad Johnson  
State President

Cc: Senators Gardner, Bishop, Costello, and McGuire

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## Chuck Kopp

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**From:** Will Manuel <wmmanuel@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2016 7:21 PM  
**To:** Sen. Peter Micciche  
**Subject:** S.B. 99

Senator Micciche,

I hope this day finds you well.

I know my last few emails have been in opposition to recent proposals so I'm changing pace a little here.

I just wanted to give you a quick email to voice my support of S.B. 99, which you sponsored. I believe this is a bold and necessary move in Justice Reform, and agree that it is much more fiscally responsible in the long run. If I had been present during your presentation I would not have been able to raise my hand either, and also see no point of potentially compromising a teens future over a mistake. This is a good bill that offers a second chance to our youth to learn from mistakes, and helps to reduce State expenditures in courts and prisons.

Thank you, Senator, for taking a bold stance and sponsoring S.B. 99.

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2/11/2016

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Maggie Wilkins, Member  
Seward Prevention Coalition





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February 10, 2016

Senator Peter Micciche  
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Sent via email: [Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov](mailto:Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov)

Dear Senator Micciche,

On behalf of the Mat-Su Health Foundation, thank you for introducing Senate Bill 165 to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. The changes the bill will make to Alaska Law can positively impact what is undeniably one of the largest health problems facing our state – alcohol abuse.

We support SB 165 because it ensures that the Alcohol Beverage Control Board fairly represents the interests of all Alaskans by designating seats for public safety and public health, and retaining seats for industry representatives and rural Alaskans. SB165 also revises laws related to underage drinking, which serves to promote consistent enforcement while also giving young people who do make the mistake of underage drinking an incentive to complete an alcohol education program.

A number of health care issues, and their corresponding costs, are associated with alcohol abuse. There were 41,000 days of hospital care attributed to alcohol-related incidents in Alaska in 2010, with an estimated cost of \$2,545 per day for care. Alcohol is the third leading root cause of preventable death in the United States, and Alaska's mortality rates for alcohol are among the highest in the nation (Pezzolessi, 2009; Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, n.d.). From 2007 to 2009, the Mat-Su chronic liver death rate was 7.4 per 100,000 persons, and the poisoning death rate was 20 per 100,000. In total, according to a State of Alaska analysis, between the years 2005 and 2009, the alcohol-induced death rate for the borough was 11.8 deaths per 100,000, or roughly 11 alcohol-induced deaths per year.

The Mat-Su Health Foundation is a partner in Recover Alaska, which has been involved in a four-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 70 stakeholders to determine how to improve the structure, organization, specific policies and associated implementation issues in Title 4. SB165 is a strong first step in allowing this to happen. Thank you for supporting this multi-year effort of the statewide stakeholder group, and specifically the priority items brought forward for consideration this year.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ripley  
Executive Director

Cc: Senator Mia Costello ([Mia.Costello@akleg.gov](mailto:Mia.Costello@akleg.gov))  
Cynthia Franklin, Director, Alcoholic & Marijuana Control Office ([cynthia.franklin@alaska.gov](mailto:cynthia.franklin@alaska.gov))  
Bob Klein, Chair, ABC Board ([bobkleinak@gmail.com](mailto:bobkleinak@gmail.com))

*"Improving the health and wellness of Alaskans living in the Mat-Su!"*



February 10, 2016

Senate Labor and Commerce Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Room 514  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Honorable Senators:

The Alaska Wellness Coalition works collectively to improve the health and wellness of all Alaskans. The Coalition networks local and regional health and wellness alliances through information sharing of state and local data, evidence-based programming, best practices, strategic prevention, current health trends and statewide advocacy for health promotion.

On behalf of the Alaska Wellness Coalition, I am asking you to support Senate Bill 165 (SB165) to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. This Bill is the first result of a four-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 70 stakeholders to determine how to improve the structure, organization, specific policies and associated implementation issues in Title 4, Alaska's statutes regarding regulation and control of alcoholic beverages in the state.

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Sincerely,

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Stephanie L. Allen  
Coalition Director

February 10, 2016

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Dear Senator Micciche:

Recover Alaska is a multi-sector action group working to reduce the harm caused by excessive alcohol consumption in Alaska. Our vision is to recover, reclaim, and restore the strengths of Alaska's families and communities. Partners include Rasmuson Foundation, The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Mat-Su Health Foundation, Providence Alaska, Southcentral Foundation, and the State of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services.

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 165 (SB165) to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. Recover Alaska has been involved with the four-year process initiated by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board to engage a diverse group of more than 70 stakeholders to determine how to improve the structure, organization, specific policies and associated implementation issues in Title 4. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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Cc (via email):

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Bob Klein, Chair, ABC Board ([bobkleinak@gmail.com](mailto:bobkleinak@gmail.com))



MAT-SU HEALTH  
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## **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 29<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature to pass Senate Bill 165 for the betterment of the Alaskan people.

Organization Mat-Su Health Foundation

Community Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Signature

*Elizabeth Ripley*

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Elizabeth Ripley

Title

Executive Director





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Dear Senator Micciche,

I am writing you to urge your support for Senate Bill 165 (SB165) to revise portions of Title 4, the Alaska Statutes regulating alcoholic beverages. Alaska Children's Trust (ACT) is the lead statewide organization focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

One of our greatest assets is our children. We know that children who experience abuse, neglect and other traumas are more likely to have poor school performance, abuse substances, and end up incarcerated, among other issues. The majority of Alaska's child abuse and neglect cases involve Alcohol.

The changes to Title 4 in SB165, specifically the changes to Minor Consuming Alcohol (MCA) and Minor on Premises, will have significant benefits for Alaska's youth and for the criminal justice system. These changes would reduce and streamline penalties for Minor on Licensed Premises (AS 04.16.049) and Minor Consuming Alcohol (AS 04.16.050), to promote consistent enforcement of these laws while ensuring that underage youth are not criminalized for one mistake or punished for an underlying trauma. Furthermore, in the last five years, over 75% of Title 4 related charges were MCAs, and the vast majority of youth do not return to court with a second charge.

ACT strongly urges you to support the changes to SB165. These changes would strengthen Alaska's criminal justice system and positively impact Alaskan youth by not cutting them off from resilience factors and treating them with trauma-informed understanding. SB165 is a positive step towards bringing trauma-informed practices to our state.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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February 16, 2016

The Honorable Peter Micciche  
Senator  
Alaska State Legislature  
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Dear Senator Micciche:

On behalf of Providence Health & Services Alaska, I wish to convey the organization's endorsement of Senate Bill 165 (SB165). One of the major factors of demand for health care and its related costs is alcohol abuse in Alaska. Efforts to contain its adverse impacts will benefit Alaskans in countless ways.

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Bruce Lamoureux  
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Senator Mia Costello  
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