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SENATE BILL 54 SUMMARY OF CHANGES Crime and Sentencing Version A to Version O

Section 5

AS 11.66.150 – Definitions.

Establishes a definition for “compensation” which does not include any payment for reasonably apportioned shared expenses.

Section 6

AS 11.56.757(b) – Sentences of imprisonment for felonies.

Increases the active term of imprisonment that may be imposed for a C-felony that is a first felony conviction from zero to 90 days to zero to 120 days.

Section 7

AS 12.55.125 – Sentences of imprisonment for felonies.

Establishes minimum probation term lengths for felony sex offenses. 15 years for an unclassified felony; 10 years for an A or B felony; and 5 years for a C felony.

Section 8

AS 12.55.135 – Sentences of imprisonment for misdemeanors.

Increases the maximum sentence of imprisonment for distributing an explicit image of a minor to an Internet website that is accessible to the public.

Section 10

AS 12.55.135(l) – Sentences of imprisonment for misdemeanors.

Revises language relating to Theft in the 4th Degree (and similar offenses) to comport with the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission’s recommendations that

probation term lengths be clarified and 3rd and subsequent offenses be punishable by up to 10 days in prison.

Section 11

AS 12.55.135(p) – Sentences of imprisonment for misdemeanors.

Conforming change that requires notice to the opposing party if the state seeks to establish the new aggravating factor for A misdemeanors.

Section 12

AS 12.55.145(a) – Prior convictions.

Establishes a 5-year lookback period for the purposes of establishing aggravating factors for A misdemeanors that are based on prior convictions. Unclassified and class A felonies are excluded from the lookback period.

Section 15

AS 28.15.011 – Drivers must be licensed.

Reduces the crime of No Valid Operator's License to an infraction.

Section 17

AS 33.07.010 – Pretrial services program; establishment.

Technical changes to clarify the requirement to conduct pretrial risk assessments on defendants.

Section 18

AS 33.07.030 – Duties of pretrial services officers.

Requires the Department of Corrections to present the results of the pretrial risk assessment to prosecution and defense, in addition to the court.