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

Section 5

AS 11.66.150 – Definitions.

Establishes a definition for “compensation” that applies to sex trafficking in the third and fourth degrees.

Section 6

AS 12.55.125(e) – Sentences of imprisonment for felonies.

Increases the sentencing range from zero to 90 days to zero to 1 year for a class C felony that is a first felony conviction.

Section 7

AS 12.55.125(q) – Sentences of imprisonment for felonies.

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

Section 8

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

Increases the sentencing range for distributing an explicit image of a minor on an Internet website that is accessible to the public.

Section 10

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

Provides for up to 5 days of active imprisonment and 6-months of probation for a second conviction of Theft in the 4th Degree (and similar offenses).

Additionally, establishes up to 5 days of suspended imprisonment for a first conviction.

Section 11

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

Creates a process for establishing the new aggravating factor for class A misdemeanors.

Section 12

AS 12.55.145(a) – Prior convictions.

Establishes a 5-year “look back” period for the purpose of considering prior convictions in imposing a sentence for a class A misdemeanor.

Section 15

AS 28.15.011 – Drivers must be licensed.

Reduces the offense of No Valid Operator’s License to a violation.

Section 17

AS 33.07.010 – Pretrial services program; establishment.

Clarifies language relating to the Department of Corrections’ requirement to conduct risk assessments.

Section 18

AS 33.16.130(c) – Parole procedures.

Deletes language giving the Board of Parole explicit authority to hold discretionary parole hearings following a denial.

Section 19

AS 33.30.061 – Commissioner to designate facility.

Allows the commissioner to return a prisoner to a correctional facility if the prisoner violates the terms and conditions of home confinement.

Section 21

AS 47.37.040 – Duties of department.

Authorizes the Alcohol Safety Action Program to accept referrals from the court for misdemeanor drug possession.