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## **Sponsor Statement**

House Bill 265 "An Act relating to the renewal of a license involving alcoholic beverages; and relating to the transfer or issuance of a beverage dispensary license or a restaurant or eating place license."

House Bill 265 makes strategic updates to modernize portions of statutes governing the Alcohol Beverage Control Board and the licensing regulations for alcoholic beverage dispensaries.

HB 265 would amend and clarify provisions relating to the licensing of establishments catering to the tourism and traveling public; as well of clubs and organizations holding alcoholic beverage licenses throughout the state.

HB 265 improves the requirements for hours of operations for Club License Holders to provide for more flexibility. The bill will change to requirement to a total of 240 hours, allowing for more functionality to these community organizations.

HB 265 resolves an existing issue faced by the holders of tourism related businesses holding a liquor license.

Finally, HB 265 clarifies the licenses held by the traditional "roadhouse and lodge" along Alaska Scenic Byways.

Passage of HB 265 will provide clarity for alcoholic beverage licensees and the public, and results in more consistent enforcement of the alcoholic beverage industry.

If you have additional questions please contact Darrell Breese in my office at 465-4859.