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### House Bill 301

#### Explanation of Changes from ver D to ver L

*"An Act relating to the renewal of a license involving alcoholic beverages; relating to the renewal and transfer of ownership of a beverage dispensary license or restaurant or eating place license; and relating to issuance of an outdoor recreation lodge license in a local option area."*

There have been five major changes from the original version of the bill (ver D) to the version before you (ver L), they are as follows:

Language was changed to capture four additional businesses that were licensed after the 1985 statute rewrite but did not have the proper room requirements per their population. These businesses have been operating for decades and the sponsor wanted to ensure they would remain in business and be able to transfer their license someday.

The addition of AS 4.11.330(a) "Denial of license or permit renewal" which was amended to change the annual operational hours on a licensed premises from 30 eight-hour days to 240 hours during each of the two preceding calendar years. Many bars and restaurants are only open for five to six hours a day, especially in the off season, so this language cleans up statute making it more reasonable for businesses.

Language was added to AS 4.11.360 "Denial of transfer of license to another person." This language ensures that an application may not be denied to a prospective transferee because they do not have the qualifications under AS 4.11.400(d) which is the statute with room requirements based on populations. This was made so that it's clearly spelled out in statute that these licenses may be transferred and are not at risk to be denied.

The fourth and fifth changes relate to outdoor recreation lodge licenses, adding them to the list of licenses that may be approved by a local option initiative in a municipality or an established village.