

Resolution of Support for Senate Bill 52, 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 AS 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 120 stakeholders and staff representing the alcohol industry, public health, local governments, and public safety spent over 13,000 hours of dedicated time over six years to craft proposed revisions to Title 4; and

Whereas, in January 2019, Senate Bill 52 was introduced by Senator Peter Micciche for consideration in the 31st Session of the Alaska Legislature;

Whereas, the recommendations in SB 52 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, SB 52 will, *as a whole*, benefit communities, businesses, and public health, safety and welfare; and

Whereas, SB 52 will benefit youth by ensuring that the penalty for underage drinking does not jeopardize a young person’s future, providing an incentive to seek needed alcohol education or treatment, and holding adults who supply alcohol to youth more accountable; and

Whereas, SB 52 will benefit businesses by making Title 4 easier to understand and comply with, protecting existing business investments, providing more flexibility for innovative business models, and restructuring penalties to be proportional to the seriousness of each violation; and

Whereas, SB 52 will benefit local governments by providing resources for education about Title 4 and new options for supporting economic development with tourism and hospitality; and

Whereas, SB 52 will benefit public health by preventing youth access to alcohol, preserving population limits on alcohol licenses and managing density of alcohol outlets, promoting responsible and moderate consumption at alcohol establishments and events, and regulating purchases of alcohol shipped directly to customers; and

Whereas, SB 52 will benefit public safety by providing resources for local education and enforcement, improving law enforcement’s ability to address violations of Title 4, and increasing availability of data about alcohol entering local option communities; and

Whereas, SB 52 will improve the ABC Board’s and agency staff’s ability to effectively administer and enforce Title 4 and its associated regulations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the undersigned on this date of March 12, 2019 support the recommendations of the Title 4 Review stakeholders and urge the Legislature to pass Senate Bill 52.

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