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Senator Lora Reinbold, Chair  
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee  
Alaska State House  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Chair Reinbold:

In last Thursday's hearing on SB52, Senator Costello asked me to provide information on the time it takes to transfer a liquor license, as well as a list of licenses "in transition." In this letter, I attempt to explain the transfer process. Attached to this letter is a list of licenses that are currently in the transfer process and their status.

We advise on our website that applicants should plan for a 3 to 6 month application process, advice which applies to both new and transfer applications. Factors that affect the length of the process include the number of applications in AMCO's queue at any given time; the applicant's attention to any corrections needed to their application; the board meeting schedule; and the responsiveness of reviewing agencies, local governments, and creditors.

Our process is as follows: once a transfer application is submitted, the application is reviewed for compliance with AS 04 and 3 AAC 304 by a licensing examiner. If any corrections to the application are required, the applicant is sent an "incomplete letter" explaining the corrections needed and providing a deadline by which the corrections must be returned. Upon receiving a complete application, staff routes the complete application to the local government (if applicable), and to the Departments of Revenue and Labor and Workforce Development who review for tax and labor law compliance. If the transfer includes a change in location of the license, the application may be sent to the Department of Environmental Conservation and the State Fire Marshal, depending on whether or not the local government has jurisdiction over health and fire issues. In addition, the transferor must identify any creditors to whom they owe a debt, as the creditor must be satisfied either by payment of the debt or by security for payment of the debt before the license can be transferred (AS 04.11.360(4)).

A complete transfer application is added to the agenda of the next ABC Board meeting. If AMCO has not received a reply from all reviewers by the meeting, the transfer may be approved with delegation. This means that the board approves of the transfer as long as no protest or objection is received, and delegates the authority to the director to effectuate the transfer and issue a license to the transferee as soon as all reviewers have indicated they do not object. If a protest or objection is received by the office after the board has approved a transfer with delegation, the transfer application must be brought back to the board at the following meeting so that the protest or objection may be evaluated by the board in accordance with AS 04.11.470 and 04.11.480.

Please note that a transferor may establish a security interest in the license through the transfer, which adds a bit more complication to the process. In that case, final recorded security interest documents must be submitted to AMCO after the board approves the transfer, before the transfer can be effectuated.

As you review the attached list of licenses which are in the transfer process, please keep the following in mind:

- Applications are reviewed for completeness by staff in the order in which they are received. Complete applications must be brought before the board within 90 days.
- Licenses may continue to operate (serve/sell alcohol) while in the process of being transferred.
- If the transferee (new owner) wishes to begin operating the license before the ABC Board has approved the change of ownership under AS 04.11.040, the transferor (old licensee) and transferee may enter into a management agreement in accordance with 3 AAC 304.980 which allows the transferee to operate the license although the transferor retains responsibility.
- The ABC Board usually meets five times per year, approximately every 2 ½ months.

I hope the information provided in this letter and attachment answers Senator Costello's question and helps the committee understand the alcohol license transfer process. I would be happy to answer follow-up or additional questions.

Sincerely,



Erika McConnell  
Director

Cc: Julie Anderson, Commissioner, DCCED  
Suzanne Cunningham, Legislative Director, Governor's Office

License Transfer Applications Currently In Process – March 29, 2019

License #	Business Name	License Type	Local Government	Application First Received Date	Incomplete Letter(s) Sent	Add. Info Received Date(s)	Deemed Completed Date	Board Meeting Date	Notes
3969	Tony's Sports Bar	Beverage Dispensary	Fairbanks City Council	6/18/2018	7/2/2018; 7/10/2018; 7/18/2018; 8/28/2018	7/11/2018; 7/18/2018; 7/31/2018; 8/6/2018; 8/23/2018; 8/27/2018	9/7/2018	10/15/2018	Awaiting final recorded security interest documents
4232	The Spur	Beverage Dispensary	Fairbanks City Council	6/18/2018	7/2/2018; 7/10/2018; 7/18/2018; 8/28/2018	7/11/2018; 7/18/2018; 7/31/2018; 8/6/2018; 8/23/2018; 8/27/2018	9/7/2018	10/15/2018	Awaiting final recorded security interest documents
2184	Point Lodge Alaska	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism	Mat-Su	9/27/2018	10/5/2018	10/18/2018	10/18/2018	12/18/2018	Awaiting final recorded security interest documents
4528	YES International Bistro	Restaurant/Eating Place	Municipality of Anchorage	10/19/2018	10/30/2018; 11/20/2018; 12/27/2018	11/27/2018; 10/23/2018; 12/27/2018	12/27/2018	2/19/2019; 4/29/2019	While in delegated status, protest and objection received; rescheduled for next board meeting
904	Airport Pizzeria	Beverage Dispensary	City of Nome	10/31/2018	11/8/2018; 11/26/2018	11/21/2018; 11/26/2018; 11/28/2018	11/28/2018	12/18/2018	Awaiting approval of license renewal
3445	Hotel Alyeska	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism	Municipality of Anchorage	11/7/2018	11/20/2018	11/28/2018	11/28/2018	12/18/2018	Transfer to be effectuated on May 1 at request of licensee
3446	Seven Glaciers Lounge	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism	Municipality of Anchorage	11/7/2018	11/20/2018	11/28/2018	11/28/2018	12/18/2018	Transfer to be effectuated on May 1 at request of licensee
3447	Sitzmark Bar & Grill	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism/Duplicate	Municipality of Anchorage	11/7/2018	11/20/2018	11/28/2018	11/28/2018	12/18/2018	Transfer to be effectuated on May 1 at request of licensee
3449	The Sundry Shop at Alyeska	Package Store	Municipality of Anchorage	11/7/2018	11/20/2018	11/28/2018	11/28/2018	12/18/2018	Transfer to be effectuated on May 1 at request of licensee
5210	Sakura Asian Bistro	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism/Duplicate	Municipality of Anchorage	11/7/2018	11/20/2018	11/28/2018	11/28/2018	12/18/2018	Transfer to be effectuated on May 1 at request of licensee
5211	The Pond Café	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism/Duplicate	Municipality of Anchorage	11/7/2018	11/20/2018	11/28/2018	11/28/2018	12/18/2018	Transfer to be effectuated on May 1 at request of licensee
5466	Bore Tide Deli	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism/Duplicate	Municipality of Anchorage	11/7/2018	11/20/2018	11/28/2018	11/28/2018	12/18/2018	Transfer to be effectuated on May 1 at request of licensee

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857	Mad Myrna's	Beverage Dispensary	Municipality of Anchorage	11/13/2018	12/14/2018; 12/19/2018	12/17/2018; 12/21/2018; 12/24/2018	12/31/2018	2/19/2019	Awaiting background check
1775	Mt View Grocery	Package Store	Outside City Limits	11/19/2018	12/14/2018; 12/31/2018	12/27/2018; 1/10/2019	1/10/2019	4/29/2019	Awaiting approval of license renewal
795	Oaken Keg #0720	Package Store	Municipality of Anchorage	12/6/2018	12/19/2018	1/2/2019	1/2/2019	2/19/2019; 4/29/2019	Approved with delegation in February; protest received after Feb meeting
713	Cape Fox Lodge	Beverage Dispensary	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	12/7/2018	1/2/2019; 2/5/2019	1/30/2019			Contingent on receiving transfer application for #2948
4274	Mountian High Pizza Pie	Restaurant/Eating Place	Mat-Su Borough	12/7/2018	1/2/2019	1/24/2019	1/24/2019	2/19/2019	Approved with delegation; waiting for creditor response
100	Beachcomber Lodge LLC	Beverage Dispensary	Petersberg Borough	12/27/2018	2/5/2019; 3/8/19, 3/22/19; 3/26/19	2/12/19; 2/13/19; 2/25/19; 3/22/19; 3/27/2019	3/27/2019	4/29/2019	
4597	Boon Dox Liquor	Package Store	Fairbanks North Star Borough	12/31/2018	1/30/2019; 2/4/2019; 2/6/2019; 2/8/2019	2/1/2019; 2/5/2019; 2/8/2019	2/8/2019	4/29/2019	
1309	Anchor River Inn	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism	Kenai Peninsula Borough	12/31/2018	1/15/2019 (28 days)	2/10/2019; 2/12/2019	2/13/2019	4/29/2019	
2313	Anchor River Inn	Package Store	Kenai Peninsula Borough	12/31/2018	2/23/2019	2/6/2019; 2/8/2019; 2/9/2019; 2/12/2019	2/13/2019	4/29/2019	
3195	Blue Loon	Beverage Dispensary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	12/31/2018	1/29/2019; 2/4/2019	2/1/2019; 2/5/2019	2/5/2019	4/29/2019	
4834	Blue Loon	Beverage Dispensary - Duplicate	Fairbanks North Star Borough	12/31/2018	1/29/2019; 2/4/2019	2/1/2019; 2/5/2019	2/5/2019	4/29/2019	
1450	Milano's Pizzeria	Restaurant/Eating Place	City of Nome	1/7/2019	2/13/2019	2/14/2019	2/14/2019	4/29/2019	

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867	Coldwater Market	Package Store	Kenai Peninsula Borough	1/24/2019	2/22/2019; 3/11/2019; 3/20/2019	2/22/2019; 2/28/2019; 3/17/2019; 3/21/2019	3/21/2019	4/29/2019	
4747	Howling Wolf Brewpub	Beverage Dispensary	Kenai Peninsula Borough	1/28/2019	2/26/2019	2/28/2019; 3/1/2019	3/1/2019	4/29/2019	
2535	Vitus Energy LLC	Package Store	Municipality of Anchorage	2/1/2019	2/26/2019; 3/11/2019	2/28/2019; 3/11/2019	3/11/2019	4/29/2019	
5450	Denny's	Restaurant/Eating Place	Municipality of Anchorage	2/4/2019	3/6/2019				
1384	Bowl of Pho	Restaurant/Eating Place	Juneau	2/7/2019	3/19/2019				
2502	Swiftwater Seafood Café	Restaurant/Eating Place	City of Whittier	2/12/2019	3/14/2019; 3/20/2019	3/15/2019; 3/20/2019; 3/26/2019			
3572	Gallo's Mexican Restaurant #2	Beverage Dispensary	Municipality of Anchorage	2/14/2019					
3487	Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Co.	Package Store	Fairbanks North Star Borough	2/14/2019	3/19/2019				
626	Kenai Joe's Taphouse LLC	Beverage Dispensary	City of Kenai	2/18/2019	3/22/2019				
4536	Oceanview Restaurant	Beverage Dispensary	City of Ketchikan	2/19/2019					
4362	Settlers Bay Lodge	Beverage Dispensary	Matanuska Susitna Borough	2/20/2019					
465	Vallata	Beverage Dispensary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	2/26/2019					
941	Swiss Alaska Inn, LLC	Beverage Dispensary-Tourisum	Matanuska Susitna Borough	2/26/2019					
3558	Silvertip Grill	Restaurant/Eating Place	Municipality of Anchorage	3/6/2019					
2795	Vitus Energy LLC	Package Store	Kenai Peninsula Borough	3/11/2019					
1189	Vagabond Inn	Beverage Dispensary	Kenai Peninsula Borough	3/14/2019					

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1190	Vagabond Inn Liquor Store	Package Store	Kenai Peninsula Borough	3/14/2019					
242	Clear Sky Lodge	Beverage Dispensary	Denali Borough	3/19/2019					
243	Clear Sky Lodge	Package Store	Denali Borough	3/19/2019					
5089	Revolving Sushi Bar OEC	Restaurant/Eating Place	Municipality of Anchorage	3/20/2019					
1920	Salty's on 2nd	Beverage Dispensary	Fairbanks North Star Borough	3/22/2019					
1788	Latitude 62 Lodge	Beverage Dispensary-Tourisum	Matanuska Susitna Borough	3/27/2019					