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Governor Mike Dunleavy  
STATE OF ALASKA

February 17, 2021

The Honorable Louise Stutes  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to house rules for assisted living homes.

The bill would bring Alaska law into compliance with recent Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services changes related to home- and community-based services. These requirements ensure that assisted living homes provide care that is as close to independent community living as possible. The bill adds a citation to the Alaska Statutes related to setting house rules in assisted living homes. For example, assisted living settings may not adopt house rules that unreasonably restrict the right of one resident over the right of another resident.

Alaska statutes must be in compliance before March 2022 in order for the state to continue receiving federal reimbursements for home- and community-based waiver services.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

Enclosure