

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sponsor Statement for SB 32

Police use numerous methods to restrain and limit the movement and overall activity of someone who possess a danger to themselves or to others (including the police officer). One of the most common restraints are carotid and a tracheal choke. Both restraints impede breathing and circulation of blood. If these restraints are used incorrectly, death through asphyxiation may occur. Throughout the United States, there are cases of the misuse of chokeholds. Senate Bill (SB) 32 would assist in reducing the rate of chokeholds used incorrectly. SB 32 would further seek to improve police to community relationships by addressing a long-standing issue around use of force.