

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Sectional Analysis for HB 299 (34-LS1386\A)

#### **Section 1**

Adds a new section to AS 12.25 (Arrest & Citations), 12.55.145 that directs an arresting officer to determine if an individual in custody has 'Veteran Status' as defined in AS 47.55.900.

#### **Section 2**

Adds a new subsection to AS 12.30.006 (Bail, Release Procedures) which states that a judicial officer upon first appearance, shall inform a defendant identified as a veteran of the veteran sentencing program.

#### **Section 3**

Amends AS 12.55.015(a) (Authorized sentences; forfeiture) to allow the court, when sentencing a defendant convicted of an offence, to set aside a conviction or reduce a misdemeanor charge under the Veteran Sentencing Program.

#### **Section 4**

Adds a new section to AS 12.55 (Sentencing & Probation) which establishes the Veteran Sentencing Program under AS 12.55.057

#### **Section 5**

Adds a new paragraph to AS 12.55.155(d) (Factors in aggravation & mitigation) to allow a court to factor in an individual's veteran status and record as a mitigator in criminal sentencing.

#### **Section 6**

Amends AS 44.19.645(a) (Powers & duties of the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission) to include tracking the efficacy of the Veterans Sentencing Program and gathering evaluations from participants.

**Section 7**

Adds an indirect court rule amendment to the Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure, specifically Rule 35 (Reduction, Correction, or Suspension of Sentence) and Rule 43 (Dismissal and Deferred Prosecution) to account for the Veterans Sentencing Program.

**Section 8**

Adds a conditional effect due to the indirect court rule amendment which would require a vote of two-thirds majority of each house.

**Section 9**

Sets an effective date of July 1, 2027.