

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### House Bill 68: Sectional Analysis – Version A

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#### **Section 1. Amends AS 04.09.210(c) - *Restaurant or eating place license***

Allows the board to issue or renew a license if there is supervision on the premises to ensure that those under 21 will not obtain alcoholic beverages except if they are employed per new AS 04.09.049(d).

#### **Section 2. Amends AS 04.09.210(d) - *Restaurant or eating place license***

Authorizes the license holder to employ those aged 16 to 21 years but requires adequate supervision to employees who are 16 or 17 years of age, so they do not obtain alcoholic beverages.

#### **Section 3. Amends AS 04.09.250(c) – *Theater license***

Expands the time period in which a theater license holder may sell or serve alcoholic beverages in designated areas. Removes intermission language.

#### **Section 4. Amends AS 04.09.360(c) – *Seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license***

Allows the board to issue or renew a license if there is supervision on the premises to ensure that those under 21 will not obtain alcoholic beverages except if they are employed per new AS 04.09.049(d).

#### **Section 5. Amends AS 04.09.360(f) – *Seasonal restaurant or eating place tourism license***

Authorizes the license holder to employ those aged 16 to 21 years but requires adequate supervision to employees who are 16 or 17 years of age, so they do not obtain alcoholic beverages.

#### **Section 6. Amends AS 04.09.450(d) – *Restaurant endorsement***

Allows the board to issue an endorsement if there is supervision on the premises to ensure that those under 21 will not obtain alcoholic beverages except if they are employed per new AS 04.09.049(d).

**Section 7. Amends AS 04.09.450(e) – Restaurant endorsement**

Authorizes the license holder to employ those aged 16 to 21 years but requires adequate supervision to employees who are 16 or 17 years of age, so they do not obtain alcoholic beverages.

**Section 8. Amends AS 04.16.049(d) – *Access of persons under the age of 21 to licensed***

***premises:*** Allows those who are aged 18, 19, or 20 employed by a licensee to serve, sell, deliver, and dispense alcoholic beverages. Adds “and, other than for the business that offers adult entertainment” to ensure that adult entertainment establishments are excluded.

**Section 9. Amends AS 04.16.049(h) – *Access of persons under the age of 21 to licensed***

***premises:*** Allows those under the age of 21 to be present on the licensed premises of a theater license holder if the person is at least 16 years of age; if they are under 16, they must be accompanied by a person who is at least 21 years of age, and a parent or legal guardian of the underaged person consents.

**Section 10. Amends AS 04.16.052(a) – *Furnishing of alcoholic beverages to persons under***

***the age of 21 by licensees:*** Allows licensees or an agent or employee of the license to allow another person to sell, barter, or give an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21 years only under the provisions in AS 04.16.049(d).

**Section 11. Amends 04.21.065(b) – *Posting of warning signs***

Requires that vendors of alcohol replace their sign that reads: “WARNING: Drinking alcoholic beverages such as beer, wine, wine coolers, and distilled spirits or smoking cigarettes during pregnancy can cause birth defects.” with a new sign that reads: “WARNING: Alcohol use during pregnancy can cause birth defects. Alcohol use can cause cancer, including breast and colon cancers.”

**Section 12. Amends 04.21.080 – *Definitions***

Adds paragraph (31) to read “business that offers adult entertainment” has the meaning given in AS 23.10.350(f).

**Section 13. Repeals AS 04.09.250(d) - *Theater license***

Repeals the provision that prohibits the sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the audience viewing area of a theater.