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## HB 363 “An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages by patriotic organizations; and providing for an effective date”

### Sponsor Statement Version I

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House Bill 363 does two things for patriotic organizations licensed to serve alcohol under Title 4. First, it allows patriotic organizations to serve alcoholic beverages to members of another patriotic organization, incorporated under Alaska’s Nonprofit Corporation Act, AS 10.20, and possessing a club license under AS 04.09.220. Secondly, HB 363 also will allow patriotic organizations to serve liquor, on premises, as well as beer and wine, under an event permit.

Under HB 363 veterans who have served our country, and who are members of a patriotic organization, will now have reciprocal privileges to be served alcoholic beverages at other patriotic organizations. This mirrors privileges already extended to active-duty military personnel. The patriotic organizations under this legislation include, but are not limited to, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and American Veterans organizations.

The second part of HB 363 allows patriotic organizations to serve liquor in addition to beer and wine, on premises, under a special events permit. Special event permits are issued under AS 04.09.660 and applied for under AS 04.11.260. Currently, nonprofit organizations may only serve beer and wine at a permitted event. With the passage of HB 363 patriotic organizations will be able to serve all alcoholic beverages at special events on the club’s licensed premises.

These changes to club licenses for patriotic organizations will aid in making these nonprofit organizations more inclusive of all veterans and will further honor those who served and their communities by providing an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, and freedom.

Thank you for supporting this legislation.

Please contact my staff, Jane Pierson, at 465-1387 regarding any questions.