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Explanation of Changes **Senate CS for House Bill 239 (FIN)**

Version 34-LS1102\H to 34-LS1102\W

- Title:** Adds references to parole, the board of parole, and the creation of the address confidentiality program.
- Section 20:** New section. Adds definitions to the section on theft in the third degree for “authorized depository,” “mail,” “mail receptacle,” and “postage.”
- Sections 25 & 28:** Adds an exemption for an employee or contractor of an interactive computer service, Internet service provider, cloud service provider, or telecommunications network who, while acting in the scope of employment, distributes, possess, or accesses materials defined in AS11.61.121(a) or AS 11.61.125(a) solely to prevent, detect, report, or otherwise respond to distribution, advertisement, promotion, solicitation, or offer to distribute the material.
- Sections 68 - 71, 89:** New sections. Board of Parole. Incorporates portions of SB 62 version N. Updates number of members to seven and institutes a two-term limit. Outlines criteria for at least four of the members, specifically:
- One licensed physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist;
 - One member with experience in the field of criminal justice;
 - One member with personal or professional experience in drug or alcohol addiction;
 - One member of a federally recognized tribe in the state.
- Includes definitions for “federally recognized tribe.”

- Section 72:** New section. Adds ‘age at time of offense’ among items taken into consideration by the board when making a decision on discretionary parole.
- Section 73:** Updated the eligibility for, and revocation of, medical release for service of sentencing by electronic monitoring.
- Sections 74, 75, 90, 91:** New sections. Address Confidentiality Program. Incorporates SB 31 version N with one change to update the crime of disclosing information made confidential under this section about an individual enrolled in the program a class A misdemeanor instead of class B.
- Section 77:** New section. Establishes a tribal liaison within the Department of Corrections.
- Sections 12, 13, 26, 65:** Technical fixes were made in these sections.