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Governor Mike Dunleavy
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February 23, 2023

The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to temporary professional licensing.

This bill would expedite and streamline professional licensing by creating a new "temporary license" designation under AS 08.01. The bill would repeal most temporary license types (e.g., courtesy licenses, temporary courtesy licenses, temporary permits, etc.) that can be found across the professional licensing statutes and replace them with the universal temporary license, which would be administered by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The bill would allow the department to grant temporary licenses using standard criteria to reduce board work and provide consistency to the process.

The universal temporary licensing provisions would not apply to all professions. The bill creates exceptions for professions that are unique to Alaska, such as big game guides and marine pilots. Additionally, the new provisions would not change the temporary military courtesy licenses available to United States Armed Forces service members and their spouses. However, the temporary military courtesy license statute is amended slightly to avoid confusion over the term "temporary license."

Finally, a number of changes would be made to conform the Alaska Statutes to the changes proposed under AS 08.01.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure