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February 8, 2024

The Honorable Cathy Tilton
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill which eliminates the costs associated with professional discipline and unlicensed practice investigations from the calculation of annual professional licensing fees. This bill will make the investigation and legal costs associated with these cases overhead costs for the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing (CBPL).

Under current law, CBPL is required to assess a number of fees against individuals seeking professional licensing, including fees for investigative costs. Pursuant to statute, investigatory costs are distributed essentially *pro rata* across all members of a particular profession. This *pro rata* distribution creates an uncertain fee environment where fees fluctuate on a regular basis depending on the profession's investigatory burden. This bill amends the professional licensing statutes to remove the requirement that licensees pay investigation fees.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "m.d." followed by "m.j.".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure