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## Governor Mike Dunleavy STATE OF ALASKA

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The Honorable Gary Stevens Senate President Alaska State Legislature Capitol Building, 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 that consolidates temporary professional licensing requirements and enhances license portability for servicemembers and their spouses.

This bill establishes a single, streamlined temporary license, administered by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), replacing the various temporary privileges found across Alaska's professional licensing laws. This improves the existing system, which requires a prospective applicant to navigate a web of differing department and board-issued temporary license types to identify the appropriate process to obtain a temporary license. This new license grants a qualified applicant holding a valid out-of-state license the ability to practice in the state for a specified period (generally 180 days).

In addition to addressing temporary licensure, this bill brings Alaska into compliance with federal professional license portability under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). It directs DCCED to issue, within 30 days of receiving a completed application, a professional license to a servicemember or spouse who holds an out-of-state license and relocates to Alaska under military orders.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

Enclosure