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SPONSOR STATEMENT: HOUSE BILL HB 283

HB 283 amends the current law concerning people who are restricted from the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The bill adds people who commit crimes where alcohol contributed to commission of the crime.

The bill will allow a court to restrict people, who are convicted of a felony or a third misdemeanor, from consuming and purchasing alcohol. These persons will be required to have an alcohol restricted drivers license or ID. It also restricts a person from purchasing alcohol for someone who is restricted from consuming. The bill further prevents a person who has been restricted from consuming alcohol from misrepresenting themselves as being able to purchase and consume alcohol.

The bill raises the civil awards for alcohol licensees from \$1000.00 to \$2,000.00. This will create a greater incentive to the owners and employees of businesses from selling alcohol to people who are restricted from purchasing and consuming these products.

According to the Department of Corrections over 90% of the crimes that are committed in Alaska are either directly or indirectly related to the consumption of alcohol or drugs. This bill will help prevent the people that are committing these crimes from purchasing and consuming alcohol.