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### CS for House Bill 309 An Act Relating to Distillery Licenses Explanation of Changes Version C to Version Y

Draft CS for HB 309 (version Y) is a rewrite of the original version of HB 309 (version C) based on requests from industry representatives.

The intent of HB 309 is to allow Alaska's local distillers a chance to reach their full potential in the state's tourism industry. This was originally to be done by creating a new license category for "craft distillers" which would allow the license holder to host on-premise tours, tastings, and small direct sales to the public, much the same as local breweries and wineries are now legally permitted to do.

Consensus has been reached among Alaska's distillers that a better approach would be to mirror the current provisions under Alaska law for breweries and wineries and apply them to currently licensed distilleries.

Version Y of HB 309 no longer creates a special license category for "craft distillers" but instead mirrors as closely as possible changes made to Alaska's brewery and winery laws over the years and which have served the industry and the public well.

Specifically, Version Y of HB 309 mirrors Alaska brewery and winery laws by allowing small sales to the public for consumption off the premises, but in quantities more appropriate for distilled spirits. It also allows members of the public to sample small portions of the product free of charge, and it allows for the sale of small quantities of the product to be sold for consumption on the premises during limited hours and under strict conditions.