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CSHB 75(JUD)am

(29-LS0345\U.A)

“An Act relating to the registration of marijuana establishments by municipalities; relating to the definition of marijuana by persons 21 years of age or older; prohibiting the public consumption of marijuana; authorizing the registration of marijuana clubs; relating to established villages and to local option elections regarding the operations of marijuana establishments; and providing for an effective date.”

In short, CSHB 75 (JUD) is “fix it” legislation on behalf of Alaska’s boroughs and cities intended to further define and clarify provisions of Ballot Measure 2 and provide additional processes for implementing AS 17.38 at the municipal level.

Shortly after the conclusion of the November 2014 General Election, municipalities throughout Alaska began contacting the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee seeking direction on a variety of provisions of AS 17.38 as passed by the voters. It became clear that while the drafters of the initiative language were thorough and thoughtful in crafting the language of the initiative, there were a number of “gaps” stemming from their unfamiliarity of Title 29 (Local Government) in Alaska statute.

Through every step of developing the current iteration of this bill, the Committee worked closely with Alaska’s municipalities, the Alaska Municipal League and the initiative sponsors to ensure that the bill addressed the needs expressed by boroughs and cities while remaining consistent with the provisions of the initiative.