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### **HB 215 DHSS: Public Health Fees 30<sup>th</sup> Legislature**

#### **Explanation of changes from Version J to Version O**

Version O is the result of a stakeholder meeting to address concerns raised regarding public input during the regulatory process.

Version O adds a new section requiring the commissioner of health and social services to consult with stakeholders, including at least one public meeting, before a notice of proposed action is made regarding the development of new fees under AS 44.29.020(a) (14) or AS 18.

#### **Explanation of changes from Version D to Version J**

Version J incorporates an amendment passed in the House Health and Social Services Committee widening the scope of public health programs the division could create fees for under this bill.

Version D added programs under AS 18.05.010 to the list of programs Public Health could charge fees for. After clarification with the Department of Health & Social Services (DHSS) and the Department of Law it was determined that only listing AS 18.05.010 (as services for which public health could create fees) was limiting for public health. AS 18.05.010 is limited to DHSS duties under AS 18.05, 18.09, and AS 18.15.355 – 18.15.395. However, public health provides additional services under other areas of AS 18. Version J allows public health to create reasonable fees for all programs it administers under AS 18, as well as tobacco control programs under AS 44.29.020(a)14.

Version J also consolidates all services listed under AS 37.05.146(c) provided by DHSS under one subsection.