



Homicide Involving Controlled Substances Highlights

- **Drug related deaths plague our state¹**
 - 253 Alaskans died of a drug overdose in 2021.
 - 196 of those deaths were from opioids.
 - Synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, account for 3 out 4 opioid overdose deaths.
 - Alaska's overdose death rate increased by 102% from 2017 to 2021.
 - Alaska's fentanyl deaths increased by 417% from 2017 to 2021.
- **Increases penalty for delivering a controlled substance to a person who is unaware that a controlled substance is being delivered**
 - Makes delivering a controlled substance to a person who is mentally incapable, incapacitated, or unaware that they are being given a controlled substance misconduct involving a controlled substance in the first degree.
 - Those who prey upon people who are in vulnerable states should be subject to a higher penalty than those who are purely distributing drugs.
- **Reclassifies offense:** to combat the scourge drug related deaths are having on our state, this legislation reclassifies a homicide that occurs when a controlled substance is delivered to a person and the person dies from ingesting the controlled substance from manslaughter to murder in the second degree.
- **Precludes "good time" deductions for certain drug dealers**
 - Good time deductions are precluded for individuals convicted of felony drug dealing.

¹ Alaska Department of Health, Division of Public Health, Drug Overdose Morality Update 2021 (2021), https://health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Documents/PDFs/DrugOverdoseMortalityUpdate_2021.pdf.