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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the accumulation of  
6 certain statistical information  
7 by the Legislative Council.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS Alaska is experiencing a disturbingly high rate of criminal  
10 violations and the correspondingly attendant social and economic problems  
11 necessarily associated with criminals and criminal activity; and

12 WHEREAS it is maintained by many knowledgeable persons that an extremely  
13 high percentage of unlawful activity in the state is alcohol related; and

14 WHEREAS the legislature, during the 1970 session, saw fit to lower the  
15 drinking age to 19, and in 1968 reduced the penalties which may be imposed  
16 for simple possession of certain depressant, hallucinogenic and stimulant  
17 drugs; and

18 WHEREAS it would be of extreme interest to the legislature to have  
19 factual information at hand that would illustrate the increase or decrease  
20 of alcohol related offenses with the lower legal drinking age, the increase  
21 or decrease of drug related offenses under the new legislation, the increase  
22 of venereal disease in the state and the reasons therefore, if they can be  
23 determined, and a comparison of the crime rate in those areas or towns in  
24 the state that prohibit the sale of alcohol as opposed to those that do  
25 permit the sale of alcoholic beverages;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council,  
27 in consultation with the Departments of Public Safety and Health and Welfare,  
28 is requested to compile a report showing the crime rates in the state over  
29 the previous three years with especial attention being given to those crimes

1 that can be determined to have been alcohol related, drug related, and the  
2 like; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall be presented to the Seventh  
4 Legislature, Second Session.

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