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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17 (Finance)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing an advisory vote on the drinking  
7 age; raising the drinking age to 21; allowing employ-  
8 ment of certain minors in licensed premises; amending  
9 other provisions of law relating to the drinking age;  
10 providing an exemption for certain persons 19 years  
11 of age; and providing for an effective date."  
12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
13 \* Section 1. AS 04.11.090(f) is amended to read:  
14 (f) The area designated as the licensed premises under a bever-  
15 age dispensary license issued to a bowling alley may include the  
16 concourse or lane areas of the bowling alley. Notwithstanding AS 04.-  
17 16.049, the board may, upon application, authorize access by persons  
18 under 21 [19] years of age to the concourse or lane areas designated  
19 part of the bowling alley's licensed premises during hours when no  
20 alcoholic beverages are being sold, served, or consumed.  
21 \* Sec. 2. AS 04.11.110(g) is amended to read:  
22 (g) Notwithstanding AS 04.16.049, the board may authorize access  
23 by persons under 21 [19] years of age to a club's licensed premises  
24 during hours when no alcoholic beverages are sold, served, or con-  
25 sumed.  
26 \* Sec. 3. AS 04.11.460(c) is amended to read:  
27 (c) For the purposes of this section, "permanent resident" means  
28 a person 21 [19] years of age or older who has established a permanent  
29 place of abode.

1 \* Sec. 4. AS 04.16.049(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

2 (a) A person under the age of 21 years may not knowingly enter  
3 or remain in premises licensed under this title unless

4 (1) accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse who has  
5 attained the age of 21 years;

6 (2) the person is at least 16 years of age, the premises  
7 are designated by the board as a restaurant for the purposes of this  
8 section, and the person enters and remains only for dining; or

9 (3) the person is under the age of 16 years, is accompanied  
10 by a person over the age of 21 years, the parent or guardian of the  
11 underaged person consents, the premises are designated by the board as  
12 a restaurant for the purposes of this section, and the person enters  
13 and remains only for dining.

14 \* Sec. 5. AS 04.16.049(b) is amended to read:

15 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a licensee or an [,  
16 HIS] agent [,] or employee of the licensee may refuse entry to a  
17 person under the age of 21 [19] years to that part of licensed prem-  
18 ises in which alcoholic beverages are sold, served, or consumed, may  
19 refuse service to a person under the age of 21 [19] years, or may  
20 require a person under the age of 21 [19] years to leave the portion  
21 of the licensed premises in which alcoholic beverages are sold, serv-  
22 ed, or consumed.

23 \* Sec. 6. AS 04.16.049(c) is amended to read:

24 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a  
25 person between 16 and 19 years of age may enter and remain within the  
26 licensed premises of a hotel, restaurant, or eating place in the  
27 course of [HIS] employment if (1) the employment does not involve the  
28 serving, mixing, delivering, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages; (2)  
29 the person has the written consent of a parent or guardian; and (3)

1 an exemption from the prohibition of AS 23.10.355 is granted by the  
2 Department of Labor. The board, with the approval of the governing  
3 body having jurisdiction and at the licensee's request, shall design-  
4 nate which premises are hotels, restaurants, or eating places for the  
5 purposes of this subsection.

6 \* Sec. 7. AS 04.16.049 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a  
8 person 19 years of age or older may be employed within the licensed  
9 premises of a hotel, restaurant or eating place, may enter and remain  
10 within those premises for the purpose of employment, and may in the  
11 course of employment, serve, deliver or dispense alcoholic beverages.

12 \* Sec. 8. AS 04.16.050 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 04.16.050. POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION BY PERSONS UNDER THE  
14 AGE OF 21 [19]. A person under the age of 21 [19] years may not  
15 knowingly consume, possess, or control alcoholic beverages except  
16 those furnished persons under AS 04.16.051(b).

17 \* Sec. 9. AS 04.16.051(a) is amended to read:

18 Sec. 04.16.051. FURNISHING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO PERSONS  
19 UNDER THE AGE OF 21 [19]. (a) A person may not furnish an alcoholic  
20 beverage to a person under the age of 21 [19] years.

21 \* Sec. 10. AS 04.16.052 is amended to read:

22 Sec. 04.16.052. FURNISHING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO PERSONS  
23 UNDER THE AGE OF 21 [19] BY LICENSEES. A licensee or an [, HIS] agent  
24 [,] or employee of the licensee may not with criminal negligence

25 (1) allow another person to sell, barter, or give an alco-  
26 holic beverage to a person under the age of 21 [19] years within  
27 licensed premises;

28 (2) allow a person under the age of 21 [19] years to enter  
29 and remain within licensed premises except as provided in

1 AS 04.16.049;

2 (3) allow a person under the age of 21 [19] years to con-  
3 sume an alcoholic beverage within licensed premises;

4 (4) allow a person under the age of 21 [19] years to sell  
5 or serve alcoholic beverages except as provided in AS 04.16.049(d).

6 \* Sec. 11. AS 04.16.060 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 04.16.060. PURCHASE BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 [19].

8 (a) A person under the age of 21 [19] years may not purchase alco-  
9 holic beverages or solicit another to purchase alcoholic beverages for  
10 the person under the age of 21 [ON HIS BEHALF].

11 (b) A person may not influence the sale, gift, or service of an  
12 alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21 [19] years, by  
13 misrepresenting the age of that person.

14 (c) A person may not order or receive an alcoholic beverage from  
15 a licensee, an [HIS] agent or [,] employee of the licensee, or another  
16 person, for the purpose of selling, giving, or serving it to a person  
17 under the age of 21 [19] years.

18 (d) A person under the age of 21 [19] years may not enter li-  
19 censed premises where alcoholic beverages are sold and offer or pre-  
20 sent to a licensee or an [, HIS] agent [,] or employee of the licensee  
21 a birth certificate or other written evidence of age, that [WHICH] is  
22 fraudulent or false or that [WHICH] is not actually the person's [HIS]  
23 own, or otherwise misrepresent the person's [HIS] age, for the purpose  
24 of inducing the licensee or an [, HIS] agent [,] or employee of the  
25 licensee to sell, give, serve, or furnish alcoholic beverages contrary  
26 to law.

27 (e) A person [WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 19 YEARS ACCOMPANYING  
28 A PERSON] under the age of 21 [19] who is seeking to enter and remain  
29 in a licensed premises under AS 04.16.049(a)(2) or (3) may not

1       misrepresent the person's age or having obtained the consent of the  
2       parent or guardian required by that section [OF THE PERSON UNDER THE  
3       AGE OF 19 YEARS].

4       \* Sec. 12. AS 04.16.200(b)(2) is amended to read:

5               (2) the sale or offer for sale was made to a person under  
6       21 [19] years of age; or

7       \* Sec. 13. AS 04.16.200(c) is amended to read:

8               (c) It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under (a) of  
9       this section that no profit was involved in the solicitation or re-  
10       ceipt of an order for the delivery of an alcoholic beverage. However,  
11       the affirmative defense created under this subsection is not available  
12       in a prosecution of a person charged with selling or offering for sale  
13       alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 [19] years of age.

14       \* Sec. 14. AS 04.21.020(1) is amended to read:

15               (1) the alcoholic beverages are provided to a person under  
16       the age of 21 [19] years in violation of AS 04.16.051, unless the  
17       licensee, agent, or employee secures in good faith from the person a  
18       signed statement, liquor identification card, or drivers' license  
19       meeting the requirements of AS 04.21.050(a) and 04.21.050(b), that  
20       [WHICH] indicates that the person is 21 [19] years of age or older; or

21       \* Sec. 15. AS 04.21.050(a) is amended to read:

22               (a) If a licensee [,] or an agent or employee of the licensee  
23       questions or has reason to question whether a person entering [A]  
24       licensed premises, or ordering, purchasing, attempting to purchase, or  
25       otherwise procuring or attempting to procure alcoholic beverages, has  
26       attained the age of 21 [19] years or is entering without consent in  
27       violation of AS 04.16.049(a)(3) and has not attained the age of 16  
28       years, that licensee, agent, or employee shall require the person to  
29       furnish proof of age acceptable under (b) of this section or proof of

1 consent in a form determined by the board. If the person questioned  
2 does not furnish proof of age acceptable under (b) of this section, or  
3 if a licensee, agent, or employee questions or has reason to question  
4 the validity of the proof of age furnished, the licensee, employee, or  
5 agent shall require the person to sign a statement that the person  
6 [HE] is over the age of 21 or 16 [19] years as appropriate. This  
7 statement shall be made on a form prepared by and furnished to the  
8 licensee by the board.

9 \* Sec. 16. AS 04.21.050(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) A licensee, or an agent or employee of the licensee, may not  
11 be charged for a violation of AS 04.16.051 - 04.16.052 if a signed  
12 statement as provided in (a) of this section is secured in good faith,  
13 or a valid driver's license or identification card is presented indi-  
14 cating that the owner and possessor of the presented driver's license  
15 or identification card is 21 or 16 [19] years of age or over as appro-  
16 priate.

17 \* Sec. 17. AS 23.10.355 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 23.10.355. PERSONS UNDER 21 [19]. No person under 21 [19]  
19 may be employed or allowed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages or to  
20 work [IN ANY ROOM OR OTHER PLACE WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD  
21 FOR CONSUMPTION] on licensed [THE] premises, except as provided in  
22 AS 04.16.049 [AS 04.16.049(e)].

23 \* Sec. 18. EXCEPTION FOR THOSE 19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AS OF  
24 JANUARY 1, 1984. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title regard-  
25 ing age limitations, any person born on or before December 31, 1964 may be  
26 present upon licensed premises and may possess, consume, receive or pur-  
27 chase alcoholic beverages as otherwise allowed under this title, and a  
28 person may serve, deliver, dispense, furnish or sell alcoholic beverages to  
29 a person born on or before December 31, 1964 as otherwise allowed under

1 this title.

2 \* Sec. 19. The lieutenant governor shall place before the qualified  
3 voters of the state at the next statewide election a question advisory to  
4 the legislature as to whether the legislature should maintain the age of  
5 majority at 21 years of age or enact laws that would lower the age of  
6 majority to 19 years of age for the purpose of regulation of the sale,  
7 consumption, possession, furnishing, barter, purchase, gift and delivery of  
8 alcoholic beverages. The question shall appear on the ballot in the fol-  
9 lowing form:

10 Q U E S T I O N

11 Shall the drinking age be at age 19 or age 21?

12 Leave at age 21 [ ]

Lower to age 19 [ ]

13 \* Sec. 20. This Act takes effect January 1, 1984.