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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17 (Judiciary) am  
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; and  
9 amending other provisions of law relating to the  
10 drinking age."  
11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
12 \* Section 1. AS 04.11.090(f) is amended to read:  
13 (f) The area designated as the licensed premises under a bever-  
14 age dispensary license issued to a bowling alley may include the  
15 concourse or lane areas of the bowling alley. Notwithstanding AS 04.-  
16 16.049, the board may, upon application, authorize access by persons  
17 under 21 [19] years of age to the concourse or lane areas designated  
18 part of the bowling alley's licensed premises during hours when no  
19 alcoholic beverages are being sold, served, or consumed.  
20 \* Sec. 2. AS 04.11.110(g) is amended to read:  
21 (g) Notwithstanding AS 04.16.049, the board may authorize access  
22 by persons under 21 [19] years of age to a club's licensed premises  
23 during hours when no alcoholic beverages are sold, served, or con-  
24 sumed.  
25 \* Sec. 3. AS 04.11.460(c) is amended to read:  
26 (c) For the purposes of this section, "permanent resident" means  
27 a person 21 [19] years of age or older who has established a permanent  
28 place of abode.  
29 \* Sec. 4. AS 04.16.049(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a  
24 person between 16 and 19 years of age may enter and remain within the  
25 licensed premises of a hotel, restaurant, or eating place in the  
26 course of [HIS] employment if (1) the employment does not involve the  
27 serving, mixing, delivering, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages; (2)  
28 the person has the written consent of a parent or guardian; and (3)  
29 an exemption from the prohibition of AS 23.10.355 is granted by the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (2) allow a person under the age of 21 [19] years to enter  
28 and remain within licensed premises except as provided in AS 04.16.-  
29 049;

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

3 (4) allow a person under the age of 21 [19] years to sell  
4 or serve alcoholic beverages.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (e) A person [WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 19 YEARS ACCOMPANYING  
27 A PERSON] under the age of 21 [19] who is seeking to enter and remain  
28 in a licensed premises under AS 04.16.049(a)(2) may not misrepresent  
29 having obtained the consent of the parent or guardian required by that

1 section [OF THE PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS].

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

3 (2) the sale or offer for sale was made to a person under  
4 21 [19] years of age; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 questions or has reason to question the validity of the proof of age  
2 furnished, the licensee, employee, or agent shall require the person  
3 to sign a statement that the person [HE] is over the age of 21 [19]  
4 years. This statement shall be made on a form prepared by and fur-  
5 nished to the licensee by the board.

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

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

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

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

19 \* Sec. 18. The lieutenant governor shall place before the qualified  
20 voters of the state at the next statewide election a question advisory to  
21 the legislature as to whether the legislature should maintain the age of  
22 majority at 21 years of age or enact laws that would lower the age of  
23 majority to 19 years of age for the purpose of regulation of the sale,  
24 consumption, possession, furnishing, barter, purchase, gift and delivery of  
25 alcoholic beverages. The question shall appear on the ballot in the fol-  
26 lowing form:

27 Q U E S T I O N

28 Shall the drinking age be at age 19 or age 21?  
29 Leave at age 21 [ ] Lower to age 19 [ ]