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6 \* **Section 1.** AS 12.55.155(d)(17) is amended to read:

7 (17) except in the case of an offense defined by AS 11.41 or  
8 AS 11.46.400, **the** [OR A] defendant [WHO] has [PREVIOUSLY] been convicted of  
9 a **class B or C** felony, **and** [THE DEFENDANT], at the time of sentencing, [IS  
10 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN OR] has successfully completed a **court-ordered**  
11 [STATE-APPROVED] treatment program **as defined in AS 28.35.028** that [IS  
12 RELEVANT TO THE OFFENSE AND THAT] was begun after the offense was  
13 committed;

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.15.201(d) is amended to read:

1 (d) A court revoking a driver's license, privilege to drive, or privilege to obtain  
2 a license under AS 28.15.181(c), or the department when revoking a driver's license,  
3 privilege to drive, or privilege to obtain a license under AS 28.15.165(c), may grant  
4 limited license privileges if

5 (1) the revocation was for a misdemeanor conviction under  
6 AS 28.35.030(a) and not for a violation of AS 28.35.032;

7 (2) the person has

8 (A) not been previously convicted and the limited license is not  
9 granted during the first 30 days of the period of revocation;

10 (B) been previously convicted, the limited license is not  
11 granted during the first 90 days of the period of revocation, and

12 (i) the person has successfully completed a court-  
13 ordered treatment program under **AS 28.35.028 or former**  
14 AS 28.35.030(p); or

15 (ii) the court or department requires the person to use an  
16 ignition interlock device during the period of the limited license;

17 (3) the court or the department determines that

18 (A) the person's ability to earn a livelihood would be severely  
19 impaired without a limited license; or

20 (B) the person has successfully completed a court-ordered  
21 treatment program described under **AS 28.35.028 or former** AS 28.35.030(p)  
22 and the person's ability to earn a livelihood, attend school, or provide for  
23 family health would be severely impaired without a limited license;

24 (4) the court or the department determines that a limitation under (a) of  
25 this section can be placed on the license that will enable the person to earn a livelihood  
26 without excessive danger to the public;

27 (5) the court or the department determines that the person is enrolled in  
28 and is in compliance with or has successfully completed the alcoholism screening,  
29 evaluation, referral, and program requirements of the Department of Health and Social  
30 Services under AS 28.35.030(h); and

31 (6) the person has not been previously convicted under

1 AS 28.15.291(a)(2), AS 28.35.030, or 28.35.032 while driving or operating a vehicle,  
2 aircraft, or watercraft under a limited license issued under this section.

3 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

4 **Sec. 28.35.028. Court-ordered treatment for persons charged with a**  
5 **violation of AS 28.35.030 or 28.35.032.** (a) Notwithstanding another provision of  
6 law, with the consent of the state and the defendant, the court may elect to proceed in a  
7 criminal case under AS 28.35.030 or 28.35.032, including the case of a defendant  
8 charged with violating the terms of probation, under the procedure provided in this  
9 section and order the defendant to complete a court-ordered treatment program. The  
10 state may not consent to a referral under this subsection unless the state has consulted  
11 with the victim and explained the process and consequences of the referral to the  
12 victim. A court may not elect to proceed under this section if the defendant has  
13 previously participated in a court-ordered treatment program under this section two or  
14 more times.

15 (b) Once the court elects to proceed under this section, the defendant shall  
16 enter a no contest or guilty plea to the offense or shall admit to a probation violation,  
17 as appropriate. The state and the defendant may enter into a plea agreement to  
18 determine the offense or offenses to which the defendant is required to plead. If the  
19 court accepts the agreement, the court shall enforce the terms of the agreement. The  
20 court shall enter a judgment of conviction for the offense or offenses for which the  
21 defendant has pleaded or an order finding that the defendant has violated probation, as  
22 appropriate. A judgment of conviction or an order finding a probation violation must  
23 set a schedule for payment of restitution owed by the defendant. In a judgment of  
24 conviction and on probation conditions that the court considers appropriate, the court  
25 may withhold pronouncement of a period of imprisonment or a fine to provide an  
26 incentive for the defendant to complete recommended treatment successfully.  
27 Imprisonment or a fine imposed by a court shall comply with AS 12.55 or any  
28 mandatory minimum or other sentencing provision applicable to the offense.  
29 However, notwithstanding Rule 35, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure, and any  
30 other provision of law, the court, at any time after the period when a reduction of  
31 sentence is normally available, may consider and reduce the defendant's sentence

1 based on the defendant's compliance with the treatment plan; when reducing a  
2 sentence, the court (1) may not reduce the sentence below the mandatory minimum  
3 sentence for the offense unless the court finds that the defendant has successfully  
4 complied with and completed the treatment plan and that the treatment plan  
5 approximated the severity of the minimum period of imprisonment, and (2) may  
6 consider the defendant's compliance with the treatment plan as a mitigating factor  
7 allowing a reduction of a sentence under AS 12.55.155(a). A court entering an order  
8 finding the defendant has violated probation may withhold pronouncement of  
9 disposition to provide an incentive for the defendant to complete the recommended  
10 treatment successfully.

11 (c) If the defendant does not successfully complete the treatment plan imposed  
12 by the court under this section, the defendant's no contest or guilty plea or admission  
13 to a probation violation to the court shall stand, and the sentence previously imposed  
14 shall be executed or, if sentence has not yet been imposed, sentence shall be imposed  
15 by the court.

16 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the judge, the  
17 state, the defendant, and the agencies involved in the defendant's treatment plan are  
18 entitled to information and reports bearing on the defendant's assessment, treatment,  
19 and progress. The victim is entitled to periodic reports on the defendant's progress and  
20 participation.

21 (e) In addition to other conditions authorized under AS 12.30 or AS 12.55, a  
22 court may impose the following conditions of bail or probation:

23 (1) require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring;

24 (2) require the defendant to submit to house arrest.

25 (f) A court shall refer a defendant who is ordered to participate in a treatment  
26 program under this section to an alcohol safety action program developed and  
27 implemented or designated under AS 47.37.040(21) for screening, referral, and  
28 monitoring.

29 (g) In addition to other conditions authorized under AS 12.30, a court may  
30 require the defendant to take a drug or combination of drugs intended to prevent  
31 substance abuse.

1 (h) In this section,

2 (1) "court-ordered treatment program" or "treatment plan" means a  
3 treatment program for a person who consumes alcohol or drugs and that

4 (A) requires participation for at least 18 consecutive months;

5 (B) includes planning and treatment for alcohol or drug  
6 addiction;

7 (C) includes emphasis on personal responsibility;

8 (D) provides in-court recognition of progress and sanctions for  
9 relapses;

10 (E) requires payment of restitution to victims and completion  
11 of community work service;

12 (F) includes physician-approved treatment of physical  
13 addiction and treatment of the psychological causes of addiction;

14 (G) includes a monitoring program and physical placement or  
15 housing; and

16 (H) requires adherence to conditions of probation;

17 (2) "sentence" or "sentencing" includes a suspended imposition of  
18 sentence as authorized under AS 12.55.085.

19 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.35.030(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) Except as provided under (n) of this section, driving while under the  
21 influence of an alcoholic beverage, inhalant, or controlled substance is a class A  
22 misdemeanor. **Upon** [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER (p) OF THIS SECTION,  
23 UPON] conviction,

24 (1) the court shall impose a minimum sentence of imprisonment of

25 (A) not less than 72 consecutive hours and a fine of not less  
26 than \$1,500 if the person has not been previously convicted;

27 (B) not less than 20 days and a fine of not less than \$3,000 if  
28 the person has been previously convicted once;

29 (C) not less than 60 days and a fine of not less than \$4,000 if  
30 the person has been previously convicted twice and is not subject to  
31 punishment under (n) of this section;

1 (D) not less than 120 days and a fine of not less than \$5,000 if  
2 the person has been previously convicted three times and is not subject to  
3 punishment under (n) of this section;

4 (E) not less than 240 days and a fine of not less than \$6,000 if  
5 the person has been previously convicted four times and is not subject to  
6 punishment under (n) of this section;

7 (F) not less than 360 days and a fine of not less than \$7,000 if  
8 the person has been previously convicted more than four times and is not  
9 subject to punishment under (n) of this section;

10 (2) the court may not

11 (A) suspend execution of sentence or grant probation except on  
12 condition that the person

13 (i) serve the minimum imprisonment under (1) of this  
14 subsection; and

15 (ii) pay the minimum fine required under (1) of this  
16 subsection;

17 (B) suspend imposition of sentence;

18 (3) the court shall revoke the person's driver's license, privilege to  
19 drive, or privilege to obtain a license under AS 28.15.181, and may order that the  
20 motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft that was used in commission of the offense be  
21 forfeited under AS 28.35.036; and

22 (4) the court may order that the person, while incarcerated or as a  
23 condition of probation or parole, take a drug or combination of drugs intended to  
24 prevent the consumption of an alcoholic beverage; a condition of probation or parole  
25 imposed under this paragraph is in addition to any other condition authorized under  
26 another provision of law.

27 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 28.35.032(g) is amended to read:

28 (g) **Upon** [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER (r) OF THIS SECTION,  
29 UPON] conviction under this section,

30 (1) the court shall impose a minimum sentence of imprisonment of

31 (A) not less than 72 consecutive hours and a fine of not less

1 than \$1,500 if the person has not been previously convicted;

2 (B) not less than 20 days and a fine of not less than \$3,000 if  
3 the person has been previously convicted once;

4 (C) not less than 60 days and a fine of not less than \$4,000 if  
5 the person has been previously convicted twice and is not subject to  
6 punishment under (p) of this section;

7 (D) not less than 120 days and a fine of not less than \$5,000 if  
8 the person has been previously convicted three times and is not subject to  
9 punishment under (p) of this section;

10 (E) not less than 240 days and a fine of not less than \$6,000 if  
11 the person has been previously convicted four times and is not subject to  
12 punishment under (p) of this section;

13 (F) not less than 360 days and a fine of not less than \$7,000 if  
14 the person has been previously convicted more than four times and is not  
15 subject to punishment under (p) of this section;

16 (2) the court may not

17 (A) suspend execution of the sentence required by (1) of this  
18 subsection or grant probation, except on condition that the person

19 (i) serve the minimum imprisonment under (1) of this  
20 subsection; and

21 (ii) pay the minimum fine required under (1) of this  
22 subsection; or

23 (B) suspend imposition of sentence;

24 (3) the court shall revoke the person's driver's license, privilege to  
25 drive, or privilege to obtain a license under AS 28.15.181, and may order that the  
26 motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft that was used in commission of the offense be  
27 forfeited under AS 28.35.036;

28 (4) the court may order that the person, while incarcerated or as a  
29 condition of probation or parole, take a drug or combination of drugs intended to  
30 prevent the consumption of an alcoholic beverage; a condition of probation or parole  
31 imposed under this paragraph is in addition to any other condition authorized under

1 another provision of law; and

2 (5) the sentence imposed by the court under this subsection shall run  
3 consecutively with any other sentence of imprisonment imposed on the person.

4 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 47.37.040 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 47.37.040. Duties of department.** The department shall

6 (1) develop, encourage, and foster statewide, regional, and local plans  
7 and programs for the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse and treatment of  
8 alcoholics, intoxicated persons, drug abusers, and inhalant abusers in cooperation with  
9 public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals, and provide technical  
10 assistance and consultation services for these purposes;

11 (2) coordinate the efforts and enlist the assistance of all public and  
12 private agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in prevention of alcoholism,  
13 drug abuse, and inhalant abuse, and treatment of alcoholics, intoxicated persons, drug  
14 abusers, and inhalant abusers;

15 (3) cooperate with the Department of Corrections in establishing and  
16 conducting programs to provide treatment for alcoholics, intoxicated persons, drug  
17 abusers, and inhalant abusers in or on parole from penal institutions;

18 (4) cooperate with the Department of Education and Early  
19 Development, school boards, schools, police departments, courts, and other public and  
20 private agencies, organizations, and individuals in establishing programs for the  
21 prevention of alcoholism, drug abuse, and inhalant abuse, and treatment of alcoholics,  
22 intoxicated persons, drug abusers, and inhalant abusers, and preparing curriculum  
23 materials for use at all levels of school education;

24 (5) prepare, publish, evaluate, and disseminate educational material  
25 dealing with the nature and effects of alcohol and drugs, and the misuse of hazardous  
26 volatile substances;

27 (6) develop and implement, as an integral part of treatment programs,  
28 an educational program for use in the treatment of alcoholics, intoxicated persons,  
29 drug abusers, and inhalant abusers that includes the dissemination of information  
30 concerning the nature and effects of alcohol, drugs, and hazardous volatile substances;

31 (7) organize and foster training programs for all persons engaged in

1 treatment of alcoholics, intoxicated persons, drug abusers, and inhalant abusers, and  
2 establish standards for training paraprofessional alcoholism, drug abuse, and inhalant  
3 abuse workers;

4 (8) sponsor and encourage research into the causes and nature of  
5 alcoholism, drug abuse, and inhalant abuse, and the treatment of alcoholics,  
6 intoxicated persons, drug abusers, and inhalant abusers, and serve as a clearinghouse  
7 for information relating to alcoholism, drug abuse, and inhalant abuse;

8 (9) specify uniform methods for keeping statistical information by  
9 public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals, and collect and make  
10 available relevant statistical information, including number of persons treated,  
11 frequency of admission and readmission, and frequency and duration of treatment;

12 (10) conduct program planning activities approved by the Advisory  
13 Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse;

14 (11) review all state health, welfare, and treatment plans to be  
15 submitted for federal funding, and advise the commissioner on provisions to be  
16 included relating to alcoholics, intoxicated persons, drug abusers, and inhalant  
17 abusers;

18 (12) assist in the development of, and cooperate with, alcohol, drug  
19 abuse, and inhalant abuse education and treatment programs for employees of state  
20 and local governments and businesses and industries in the state;

21 (13) use the support and assistance of interested persons in the  
22 community, particularly recovered alcoholics, drug abusers, and inhalant abusers, to  
23 encourage alcoholics, drug abusers, and inhalant abusers to voluntarily undergo  
24 treatment;

25 (14) cooperate with the Department of Public Safety and the  
26 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities in establishing and conducting  
27 programs designed to deal with the problem of persons operating motor vehicles while  
28 under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, inhalant, or controlled substance, and  
29 develop and approve alcohol information courses required to be taken by drivers under  
30 AS 28.15 or made available to drivers to reduce points assessed for violation of traffic  
31 laws;

1 (15) encourage hospitals and other appropriate health facilities to  
2 admit without discrimination alcoholics, intoxicated persons, drug abusers, and  
3 inhalant abusers and to provide them with adequate and appropriate treatment;

4 (16) encourage all health insurance programs to include alcoholism  
5 and drug abuse as a covered illness;

6 (17) prepare an annual report covering the activities of the department  
7 and notify the legislature that the report is available;

8 (18) develop and implement a training program on alcoholism and  
9 drug abuse for employees of state and municipal governments, and private institutions;

10 (19) develop curriculum materials on drug and alcohol abuse and the  
11 misuse of hazardous volatile substances for use in grades kindergarten through 12, as  
12 well as a course of instruction for teachers to be charged with presenting the  
13 curriculum;

14 (20) develop and implement or designate, in cooperation with other  
15 state or local agencies, a juvenile alcohol safety action program that provides alcohol  
16 and substance abuse screening, referral, and monitoring of persons under 18 years of  
17 age who have been referred to it by

18 (A) a court in connection with a charge or conviction of a  
19 violation or misdemeanor related to the use of alcohol or a controlled  
20 substance;

21 (B) the agency responsible for the administration of motor  
22 vehicle laws in connection with a license action related to the use of alcohol or  
23 a controlled substance; or

24 (C) department staff after a delinquency adjudication that is  
25 related to the use of alcohol or a controlled substance;

26 (21) develop and implement, or designate, in cooperation with other  
27 state or local agencies, an alcohol safety action program that provides alcohol and  
28 substance abuse screening, referral, and monitoring services to persons who have been  
29 referred by a court in connection with a charge or conviction of a misdemeanor  
30 involving the use of a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft and alcohol or a controlled  
31 substance, **referred by a court under AS 28.35.028**, or referred by an agency of the

1 state with the responsibility for administering motor vehicle laws in connection with a  
2 driver's license action involving the use of alcohol or a controlled substance.

3 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 28.35.030(p) and 28.35.032(r) are repealed.

4 \* **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
5 read:

6 **INDIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT.** AS 28.35.028(b), added by sec. 3 of this  
7 Act, has the effect of amending Rule 35, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure, by allowing a  
8 court to consider and reduce a criminal sentence outside of the time periods currently  
9 provided by that rule.

10 \* **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
11 read:

12 **TRANSITION.** Notwithstanding sec. 7 of this Act, defendants participating in a court-  
13 ordered treatment program under AS 28.35.030(p) or 28.35.032(r) or the therapeutic court  
14 pilot program created by ch. 64, SLA 2001, as amended by ch. 109, SLA 2004, on the  
15 effective date of this Act, shall continue in their respective programs under the terms of that  
16 program until the individual program is completed.

17 \* **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).