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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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5 \* **Section 1.** AS 04.21.035 is amended to read:

6           **Sec. 04.21.035. Responsibility of partners of a limited liability partnership**  
7 **or foreign limited liability partnership** [ORGANIZATION MEMBERS].  
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of [AS 10.50 OR] AS 32.06, a **partner**  
9 [MEMBER] of a limited liability **partnership or a foreign limited liability**  
10 **partnership** [ORGANIZATION] holding a license under this title is not relieved of  
11 the obligation or the liability otherwise imposed upon a holder of a liquor license  
12 under this title solely because the license is held by a limited liability **partnership or**  
13 **a foreign limited liability partnership** [ORGANIZATION].

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 09.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1                   **Sec. 09.65.315. Damages resulting from driving the vehicle of a person**  
2 **under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.** (a) A person is not liable beyond the  
3 limits of any applicable insurance policy purchased by or on behalf of the owner of the  
4 vehicle, or the taxicab or limousine company or the company's owner, agents, or  
5 employees, for damages resulting from a motor vehicle accident if the person was  
6 driving a vehicle involved in the accident and

7                   (1) before the accident, started driving the vehicle involved in the  
8 accident from or near licensed premises;

9                   (2) is, at the time of the accident, a person employed in the course and  
10 scope of employment to or under contract to drive a taxicab or limousine, a taxicab or  
11 limousine owner, a holder of a taxicab or limousine permit issued by a municipality,  
12 or an owner or employee of a company that dispatches taxicabs or limousines;

13                   (3) was not under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, inhalant, or  
14 controlled substance at the time of the accident;

15                   (4) was driving the vehicle to the motor vehicle owner's residence or  
16 designated residential location at the request of the motor vehicle owner or operator or  
17 a law enforcement officer; and

18                   (5) was driving the vehicle because the motor vehicle owner or  
19 operator was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or reasonably believed to be  
20 under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

21                   (b) A person licensed under AS 04.11.080 - 04.11.255, or an agent or  
22 employee of the person, is not liable for damages resulting from a motor vehicle  
23 accident described under (a) of this section. A person or entity that participates in  
24 making arrangements for transportation of a vehicle under (a) of this section is not  
25 liable for damages resulting from a motor vehicle accident described in (a) of this  
26 section.

27                   (c) This section does not

28                   (1) preclude liability for civil damages as a result of gross negligence  
29 or reckless or intentional misconduct;

30                   (2) limit the ability of a person to recover damages under any  
31 applicable uninsured or underinsured motor vehicle insurance coverage; or

1                   (3) limit the ability of a person to recover damages under any  
2 applicable liability insurance coverage purchased by or on behalf of the person being  
3 transported under (a) of this section.

4                   (d) A motor vehicle owner is considered to have given consent to another  
5 person to drive the owner's motor vehicle if the other person is involved in an accident  
6 and the provisions of (a) of this section apply to the other person.

7                   (e) In this section,

8                   (1) "controlled substance" has the meaning given in AS 28.33.190;

9                   (2) "inhalant" has the meaning given to the phrase "hazardous volatile  
10 material or substance" in AS 47.37.270;

11                   (3) "licensed premises" has the meaning given in AS 04.21.080.

12       \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
13 read:

14                   **APPLICABILITY.** Section 2 of this Act applies to a civil action that accrues on or  
15 after the effective date of this Act.