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## **AN ACT**

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

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1 Relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic  
2 beverages; and providing for an effective date.

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4 \* **Section 1.** AS 04.09.210(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) The board may issue or renew a license under this section only if the

6 (1) board determines that

7 (A) the licensed premises is a bona fide restaurant as defined in  
8 AS 04.21.080(b);

9 (B) there is supervision on the premises adequate to reasonably  
10 ensure that a person under 21 years of age will not obtain alcoholic beverages,  
11 **unless the person is employed as permitted in AS 04.16.049(d)**; and

12 (C) it is unlikely that persons under 21 years of age not  
13 employed on the premises will enter and remain on the licensed premises for  
14 purposes other than dining; and

15 (2) sale and service of food and alcoholic beverages and any other

1 business conducted on the licensed premises of the restaurant or eating place is under  
2 the sole control of the licensee.

3 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 04.09.210(d) is amended to read:

4 (d) The board may authorize the holder of a restaurant or eating place license

5 (1) to allow a person who is at least 16 years of age but under 21 years  
6 of age to enter and remain on the licensed premises for dining only;

7 (2) to allow a person who is under 16 years of age to enter and remain  
8 on the licensed premises for dining only if

9 (A) the person is accompanied by a person who is 21 years of  
10 age or older; and

11 (B) the parent or guardian of the person consents to the person  
12 being on the licensed premises; and

13 (3) subject to AS 04.16.049, to employ or permit the employment of a  
14 person who is at least 16 years of age but under 21 years of age on the licensed  
15 premises if the employer provides adequate supervision to ensure that **an employee**  
16 **who is 16 or 17 years of age** [THE PERSON] does not obtain alcoholic beverages.

17 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 04.09.220(d) is amended to read:

18 (d) Alcoholic beverages sold under a club license may be purchased only by

19 (1) members of the club and their families;

20 (2) widows or widowers of deceased members of the club who have  
21 been accorded club privileges; [AND]

22 (3) military personnel on active duty who are extended the privilege by  
23 patriotic organizations; **and**

24 **(4) members of a patriotic organization licensed under this section**  
25 **that has a reciprocity agreement with another patriotic organization licensed**  
26 **under this section.**

27 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 04.09.220 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

28 (m) A patriotic organization licensed under this section may enter into a  
29 reciprocity agreement with another patriotic organization licensed under this section to  
30 allow each organization to sell alcoholic beverages to members of both organizations.

31 The decision to enter into a reciprocity agreement shall be made by a majority of

1 members present at a general meeting of each patriotic organization.

2 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 04.09.250(c) is amended to read:

3 (c) The holder of a theater license may sell or serve alcoholic beverages only  
4 in designated areas on the licensed premises and only for **a period beginning two**  
5 **hours** [ONE HOUR] before the event **until one hour after the event** [AND DURING  
6 INTERMISSIONS].

7 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 04.09.360(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) The board may issue or renew a license under this section only if

9 (1) the board determines that

10 (A) the licensed premises is a bona fide restaurant as defined in  
11 AS 04.21.080(b);

12 (B) there is supervision on the premises adequate to reasonably  
13 ensure that a person under 21 years of age will not obtain alcoholic beverages,  
14 **except as provided under AS 04.16.049(d)**; and

15 (C) it is unlikely that persons under 21 years of age not  
16 employed on the premises will enter and remain on the licensed premises for  
17 purposes other than dining; and

18 (2) the sale and service of food and alcoholic beverages and any other  
19 business conducted on the licensed premises of the restaurant or eating place is under  
20 the sole control of the licensee.

21 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 04.09.360(f) is amended to read:

22 (f) The board may authorize the holder of a seasonal restaurant or eating place  
23 tourism license

24 (1) to allow a person who is at least 16 years of age but under 21 years  
25 of age to enter and remain on the licensed premises for dining only;

26 (2) to allow a person who is under 16 years of age to enter and remain  
27 on the licensed premises for dining only if

28 (A) the person is accompanied by a person who is 21 years of  
29 age or older; and

30 (B) the parent or guardian of the person consents to the person  
31 being on the licensed premises; and

1 (3) subject to AS 04.16.049, to employ or permit the employment of a  
2 person who is at least 16 years of age but under 21 years of age on the licensed  
3 premises if the employer provides adequate supervision to ensure that **an employee**  
4 **who is 16 or 17 years of age** [THE PERSON] does not obtain alcoholic beverages.

5 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 04.09.450(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) The board may issue an endorsement under this section only if the board  
7 finds

8 (1) that the establishment or portion of the establishment for which the  
9 endorsement is requested is a bona fide restaurant;

10 (2) there is supervision on the premises adequate to reasonably ensure  
11 that a person under 21 years of age will not obtain alcoholic beverages, **except as**  
12 **provided under AS 04.16.049(d)**; and

13 (3) that it is unlikely that persons under 21 years of age not employed  
14 on the premises will enter and remain on the premises of the bona fide restaurant for  
15 purposes other than dining.

16 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 04.09.450(e) is amended to read:

17 (e) The board may authorize the holder of a license with a restaurant  
18 endorsement

19 (1) to allow a person who is at least 16 years of age but under 21 years  
20 of age to enter and remain on the licensed premises for dining only;

21 (2) to allow a person who is under 16 years of age to enter and remain  
22 on the licensed premises for dining only if

23 (A) the person is accompanied by a person who is 21 years of  
24 age or older; and

25 (B) the parent or guardian of the person consents to the person  
26 being on the licensed premises; and

27 (3) subject to AS 04.16.049, to employ or permit the employment of a  
28 person who is at least 16 years of age but under 21 years of age on the premises of the  
29 bona fide restaurant if the employer provides adequate supervision to ensure that **an**  
30 **employee who is 16 or 17 years of age** [THE PERSON] does not obtain alcoholic  
31 beverages.

1     \* **Sec. 10.** AS 04.16.049(d) is amended to read:

2             (d) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section and AS 04.16.050(a),  
3     a person 18, 19, or 20 years of age may be employed within the licensed premises of a  
4     brewery manufacturer, winery manufacturer, distillery manufacturer, hotel or  
5     motel, large resort, golf course, general wholesaler, limited brewed beverage and wine  
6     wholesaler, common carrier dispensary, outdoor recreation lodge, brewery retailer,  
7     winery retailer, distillery retailer, or restaurant, may enter and remain within those  
8     premises for the purpose of employment, and, other than for a business that offers  
9     adult entertainment, [BUT] may [NOT], in the course of employment, sell, serve,  
10    deliver, or dispense alcoholic beverages.

11    \* **Sec. 11.** AS 04.16.049(h) is amended to read:

12            (h) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a person under 21  
13    years of age may be present

14                **(1)** on the licensed premises of a

15                        **(A)** common carrier dispensary, destination resort, or outdoor  
16    recreation lodge for the purpose of travel, travel lodging, or outdoor recreation  
17    activities provided by the licensee if the person is

18                                **(i)** [(1)] at least 16 years of age; or

19                                **(ii)** [(2)] under 16 years of age and a parent or legal  
20    guardian of the underaged person consents;

21                        **(B)** theater if the person is

22                                **(i)** at least 16 years of age; or

23                                **(ii)** under 16 years of age, is accompanied by a  
24    person who is at least 21 years of age, and a parent or legal  
25    guardian of the underaged person consents;

26                        **(2)** in the areas of a licensed premises covered by a large resort  
27    endorsement, but excluding the areas of the premises originally covered by the  
28    licensee's beverage dispensary or beverage dispensary tourism license where  
29    alcohol is being served, for the purpose of travel, travel lodging, or outdoor  
30    recreation activities provided by the large resort if the person is

31                                **(A)** at least 16 years of age; or

**(B) under 16 years of age and a parent or legal guardian of  
the underaged person consents.**

\* **Sec. 12.** AS 04.16.049 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(k) In this section, "business that offers adult entertainment" has the meaning given in AS 23.10.350(f).

\* **Sec. 13.** AS 04.16.052(a) is amended to read:

(a) A licensee or an agent or employee of the licensee may not with criminal negligence

(1) allow another person to sell, barter, or give an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21 years within licensed premises, **except as provided in AS 04.16.049(d);**

(2) allow a person under the age of 21 years to enter and remain within licensed premises except as provided in AS 04.16.049;

(3) allow a person under the age of 21 years to consume an alcoholic beverage within licensed premises;

(4) allow a person under the age of 21 years to sell or serve alcoholic beverages, **except as provided in AS 04.16.049(d);**

(5) while working on licensed premises, furnish or deliver alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21 years, **except as provided in AS 04.16.049(d).**

\* **Sec. 14.** AS 04.21.065(b) is amended to read:

(b) The warning signs required by (a) of this section must be at least 11 inches by 14 inches, and the lettering must be at least one-half inch high and in contrasting colors. The first sign must read, "WARNING: **Alcohol use** [DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SUCH AS BEER, WINE, WINE COOLERS, AND DISTILLED SPIRITS OR SMOKING CIGARETTES] during pregnancy can cause birth defects. **Alcohol use can cause cancer, including breast and colon cancers.**"

The second sign must read, "WARNING: A person who provides alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, if convicted under AS 04.16.051, could be imprisoned for up to five years and fined up to \$50,000." The third sign must read, "WARNING: An unaccompanied person under 21 years of age who enters these



1 premises in violation of law may, under AS 04.16.049(e), be civilly liable for damages  
2 of \$1,500." The license or permit holder shall display the first and second signs in a  
3 manner that would make them conspicuous to a person who will be purchasing or  
4 consuming alcoholic beverages or smoking cigarettes on the licensed or designated  
5 premises and shall conspicuously display the third sign at each door through which  
6 customers enter the licensed premises.

7 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 04.09.250(d) is repealed.

8 \* **Sec. 16.** Section 14 of this Act takes effect August 1, 2025.

9 \* **Sec. 17.** Except as provided in sec. 16 of this Act, this Act takes effect May 1, 2025.