



MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Klein, Chair,
and Members of the Board

DATE: January 23, 2018

FROM: Erika McConnell, Director

RE: House Bill 269: Distilleries

Requested Action: Move a resolution of support of HB 269

Statutory Authority: N/A

Staff Recommendation: Support passage of HB 269 as written or with substantially similar language.

Background: Representative Tuck has pre-filed HB 269 which amends AS 04.11.170 by adding two new sections. Section (f) clarifies that a distillery licensee may combine “the distillery’s product” with other ingredients (non-alcoholic mixers and garnishes) for serving for onsite consumption. Section (g) defines “the distillery’s product” as an alcoholic beverage distilled on the licensed premises.

Representative Tuck sponsored the original distillery language and has stated that serving of mixed beverages was the original intent of his legislation. This statutory change would provide clarity on this issue. Further, serving mixed drinks rather than shots encourages slower consumption of alcohol which potentially leads to less intoxication, serving as a public protection consistent with the mission of the ABC board.

HOUSE BILL NO. 269

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCK

Introduced: 1/12/18
Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to distillery licenses."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 04.11.170 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (f) The holder of a distillery license may combine the distillery's product
5 under (d) and (e) of this section with other ingredients, including mixers, liquids, or
6 garnishes, that are not alcoholic beverages.

7 (g) In this section, "distillery's product" means an alcoholic beverage distilled
8 on the licensed premises.

9 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

11 **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to conduct by a holder of a distillery license
12 occurring before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.