

HB 113, relating to operating a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, inhalant, or controlled substance. This bill was introduced in February of 2017 but has not had any hearings to date.

HB 172, relating to industrial hemp. The bill was introduced in March of 2017, has been considered by the House Resources and Judiciary committees, and is currently referred to House Finance.

HB 190, relating to oral comments on regulations. This bill was introduced in March of 2017 but has not had any hearings to date.

HB 273, which extends the termination date of the MCB to June 30, 2024. The first hearing on this bill is on Monday, January 22, in the House Labor and Commerce committee.

SB 6, relating to industrial hemp. This bill passed the Senate last year and has been referred to House Finance.

SB 63, relating to prohibiting smoking in certain places. This bill passed the Senate last year, has been considered in the House Community and Regional Affairs committee, and is currently referred to the House Judiciary committee. The bill proposes to prohibit smoking in retail stores, but provides an exception for establishments licensed under AS 17.38 that are in compliance with MCB regulations, as long as they are "freestanding."

SB 127, relating to criminal law and procedures, controlled substances, and a variety of other related issues. This bill was prefiled this month and has been referred to the Senate Judiciary and Finance committees.

SB 128, relating to establishing a marijuana education and treatment fund in the Department of Health and Social Services. This bill was prefiled this month and has been referred to the Senate Health and Social Services and Finance committees.

REGULATIONS

- **Current Regulations Projects**

Attachment 1 to this report is a regulations projects status spreadsheet.

SPECIFIC ISSUES

- **Expiration of Newspaper Ad**

Staff brought this issue to the board at the last meeting, and the board asked staff to suggest a proposal. We do not have one at this time, but will bring a proposal to the April meeting.

- **Products Spreadsheet**

The attached products spreadsheet contains all products approved by the board before the last meeting. We are still adding packaging information for many of the concentrates, and will soon add the products approved for various licensees at the November meeting.

Questions for the board about the products spreadsheet:

1. Should we remove the Frozen Budz products from the spreadsheet?

2. Will the board delegate to me the authority to require photos of the actual products made after operations begin, and any missing photos from the applications (see last two products on page 9)?
3. Should the products spreadsheet be posted on AMCO's website?

• **Testing Working Group and Testing Issues**

The testing working group held its first meeting on January 17. All invited participants were in attendance, and the group fleshed out a good list of issues to tackle. The group will meet every other week and will likely send regular recommendations to the board.

The director of DEC's Environmental Health Lab (EHL), Patryce McKinney, has agreed to have her lab auditors perform audits of CannTest and Steep Hill labs. Part of the EHL's job is to audit various private labs around the state (such as drinking water labs) so they have trained lab auditors on staff. CannTest and Steep Hill have been prompt in providing requested information and the audit is expected to be finished in a couple of weeks.

After we released the board's public service announcement on January 2, we received a letter from Steep Hill Alaska's attorney, objecting to certain parts of the PSA. The PSA was drafted carefully so as not to make any accusations against any particular lab, and I wish to emphasize that our knowledge to date is that testing results on the same products by Steep Hill and CannTest have been inconsistent, but that we are still working to determine the cause of the inconsistencies. Steep Hill is requesting that the board revise the PSA, as outlined in their letter which starts on page 1 of the Marijuana Mailbox.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next MCB meeting is scheduled for April 4-6 in Nome. Applications must be complete and any other documents for the board must be submitted to our office by March 16, 2018, to be on the April agenda.

STATISTICS

Sales

October	\$7,831,254
November	\$7,217,059
December	\$8,067,160

Total 2017 sales: \$57,562,728

Taxes

September – from 64 taxpayers:	\$723,757
October – from 66 taxpayers:	\$920,196
November – from 67 taxpayers:	\$872,197

Total taxes from program inception to November 30, 2017: \$5,533,448