

## Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 20, 2020

TO: The Marijuana Control Board Members

FROM: Glen Klinkhart, Director, Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office

REF: Request for consideration: Delegation of Authority to the AMCO Director

Under AS 17.38.150, the Marijuana Control Board may delegate to the director the authority to temporarily grant or deny the issuance, renewal or transfer of licenses and permits, or any duty imposed by AS 17.38 except its power to propose and adopt regulations.

Given the current COVID-19 emergency, the unknown extent and the length of the viral pandemic, as well as uncertainty about future board meetings, quorums, and even enough staff to support the mission of the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Boards, I would like the board to discuss and consider giving the Director of AMCO authority over Marijuana Board business and decision making which would, under this emergency situation, make the process of supporting the licensees and the safety to the public more likely to occur and in an expedited manner during these uncertain times.

The delegation of authority by the board does not bind the board to decisions made by the director which can be reconsidered by the board at a later date.

Sincerely,

Glen Klinkhart Director Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office