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### **Marijuana Initiative Public Interest Form Now Available**

*Interested parties can register online to request notification regarding public comment period*

(Anchorage, AK)—In addition to a marijuana initiative FAQ page, a public interest form is now available on the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board's website (<http://commerce.state.ak.us/dnn/abc/Home.aspx>). In accordance with AS 44.62.210, at least 30 days before the adoption of the marijuana regulations, interested parties will have the opportunity to present statements, arguments, or contentions on the date and at the time and place designated in the notice of proposed action. By submitting a valid email, interested parties are requesting notice of proposed action. Subscribers will be notified when the public comment period is scheduled; they will also receive notification when the marijuana initiative FAQs are updated.

The citizen's initiative (ballot measure 2: An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana) on the November 4, 2014 ballot directed the ABC Board to adopt regulations governing marijuana-related entities and then regulate the newly formed industry. Per AS 15.45.220, the act becomes effective 90 days after certification; until that date, all current statutes and regulations relating to marijuana are in full force and effect. The ABC Board has nine months from the effective date, which is 90 days after certification of the act by the elections division, to develop the regulations. The ABC Board will follow the intent of the initiative and state requirements for the development of new regulations.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is tasked with protecting consumers in Alaska. DCCED's mission is to promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska. For additional information about DCCED and its agencies, please visit [www.commerce.alaska.gov](http://www.commerce.alaska.gov).

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