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HOUSE BILL NO. 214

"An Act relating to a civil action against a person under 21 years of age who enters premises where alcohol is sold or consumed."

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

* Section 1. AS 04.16.049 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) A licensee may bring a civil action against a person who violates this section if the violation occurs on the premises of that licensee. If judgment is entered in favor of the licensee, the court shall award civil damages in the amount of $1,000 and award reasonable attorney fees allowed under the Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure.

* Sec. 2. AS 04.21.065(a) is amended to read:

(a) A holder of one of the following types of licenses or permits shall post on the licensed or designated premises three separate warning signs as in (b) of this section:

(1) beverage dispensary license;
(2) restaurant or eating place license;
(3) club license;
(4) brewery license; this paragraph applies only to a brewery that permits a person to sample portions of the brewery's product;
(5) package store license;
(6) common carrier dispensary license;
(7) recreational site license;
(8) pub license;
(9) winery license; this paragraph applies only to a winery that permits a person to sample portions of the winery's product;
(10) caterer's permit;
(11) special events permit;
(12) conditional contractor's permit;
(13) another license or permit issued by the board authorizing consumption of alcoholic beverages.

* Sec. 3. 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 colors. The first sign must read, "WARNING: Drinking alcoholic beverages, beer, wine, wine coolers, and distilled spirits or smoking cigarettes during pregnancy can cause birth defects." 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."

third sign must read, "WARNING: A person under 21 years of age who enters these premises in violation of law could, under AS 04.16.049(e), be civilly liable for damages of $1,000." The license or permit holder shall display the first two signs in a manner that would make them conspicuous to a person who purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages or smoking cigarettes on the licensed premises and shall conspicuously display the third sign at each designated premises through which customers enter the licensed premises.