

Trust

Alaska Mental Health
Trust Authority

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2016 Advocacy Efforts

The Trust identifies key issues and funding priorities for which the Trust will advocate during each legislative session. Here are a few of the significant bills the Trust is tracking.

SB 91: RECIDIVISM REDUCTION AND JUSTICE REINVESTMENT BILL

This bill gives time credit probation, parole, institutional and EMs to non-violent offenders who follow rules and complete treatment. It caps time a person can be incarcerated for a probation violation; provides limited licenses, photo ID and access to food stamps for releasees; institutes a house arrest program for the pre-trial population with alcohol/drug monitoring, EM and other restrictions.

Sponsor: Coghill

Cosponsors: Costello, Ellis, McGuire, Bishop, Micchiche

SB 99: TITLE 4-NOTE: A CS WILL LIKELY BE INTRODUCED

This bill includes statute updates relating to licenses, endorsements and permits involving alcoholic beverages; the Alcoholic Beverage Control board; offenses involving alcoholic beverages; and offense of minor consumption, among others.

Sponsor: Micchiche

Cosponsors: Costello, Gardner, McGuire, Bishop

SB 23: AN ACT RELATING TO OPIOID OVERDOSE DRUGS AND TO IMMUNITY FOR PRESCRIBING, PROVIDING, OR ADMINISTERING OPIOID OVERDOSE DRUGS

Sponsors: Senators Ellis, Gardner, Costello, McGuire, Stevens, Micchiche, Bishop, Egan, Stedman, Olson

HB 234: AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS PROVIDED THROUGH TELEMEDICINE

Sponsors: Representatives Vazquez, Gara, Hughes

HB 248/SB 131: ALCOHOL TAX

This bill is an Act requiring the electronic submission of a tax return or report with the Department of Revenue; relating to the excise tax on alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date.

By the request of the Governor

Bills Relating to Medicaid Reform

SB 74: MEDICAID REFORM

Sponsor: Kelly

Cosponsors: Giessel

SB 78/HB 190: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE/REFORM

By the request of the Governor

HB 219: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EXPANSION AND AUDIT

Sponsor: Hawker

HB 227: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REFORM

Sponsor: Seaton