Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 210

Short Title:  VIOL. OF ALCOHOLIC BEV. LAWS/FORFEITURE

Summary:
- Amends allowable quantities of alcohol to provide consistency between statutes.
- Allows the seizure of alcohol transported by common carrier in violation of current law.
- Authorizes the seizure of property determined to have been purchased or obtained through the proceeds of illegal importation or sale of alcohol.
- Specifies the procedure for a person claiming an interest in property that has been seized.
- Defines "manufacture" of alcohol in local option statutes.

Benefits:
- Helps law enforcement better protect communities that have chosen to limit the sale or possession of alcohol under local option laws.
- Clarifies, strengthens and brings uniformity to Alaska's alcohol and beverage control statutes to help fight the importation of alcohol into "dry" communities.

Background:
- Recognizing that many Alaska rural residents and communities "... face the highest alcohol abuse and family violence rates in the country," Congress established the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission in 2004. In 2005 the Commission released a Draft Interim Report making several recommendations, including amendments to current statutes. SB 210 implements some of those recommendations to help law enforcement and communities fight the illegal importation of alcohol.