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**Alaska Police Standards Council - Regulations Regarding Marijuana Use for Officers Unchanged**

(Juneau, Alaska) – With marijuana now legalized in Alaska, the average citizen who is old enough to drink is able to possess or transport - but not sell - up to one ounce or six plants of marijuana.

As state and local officials still work to define the specific regulations about where marijuana can be used, for the roughly 2,600 police and correctional officers in Alaska, not much has changed. At its December meeting the Alaska Police Standards Council discussed what affect marijuana legalization would have on its current regulations. 13 AAC 85.110(b)(2)(A) says that the council shall revoke a basic, intermediate, or advanced certificate upon a finding that the holder of the certificate has, after hire as a police officer, used marijuana. 13 AAC 85.270 (b)(2)(A) applies the same standard for correctional, probation and parole officers.

Conversation included marijuana use still being considered illegal at the federal level and the possibility of its use being considered in the same light as alcohol consumption. The Council discussion concluded with a decision to make no immediate regulatory changes, but to continue to monitor current legislation.

The Council meets at least twice a year to discuss minimum eligibility and training standards for police, correctional, parole and probation officers, as well as misconduct allegations that may affect officer certification.