

Changes to Alaska's Criminal Laws Since SB 91

- Increased sentencing for Class C felonies
- Increased sentencing for repeat theft offenses
- Provided for expedited criminalizing of dangerous and designer drugs
- Ended the "Catch and Release" system, that allowed for offenders to be automatically released (or not arrested) from custody before their trials
- Increased sentences for crimes against public safety officers and first responders
- Increased probation time for felony offenders
- Criminalized the often-abused drugs "Pink" and Tramadol, allowing officers to arrest those who illegally possess the drugs
- Ensured that out-of-state criminal history is considered in decision-making pre-trial
- Ended automatic parole for jailed offenders
- Required that offenders arrested while drunk be held until sober
- Reduced the amount/value of stolen goods needed to reach a felony threshold
- Increased police arrest capabilities for those who commit assaults in hospitals or medical facilities
- Increased police arrest capabilities for joyriders or car thieves
- Increased sentences for low level theft offenses

Funding Increases:

- Increased funding for Alaska State Troopers, allowing for increased recruiting
- Added new grant funds for local Community Patrols to use for equipment, gas, and other needs
- Increased funding for state prosecutors, allowing for new hires
- Increased funding for rehabilitation and resources for those released from jails