

Dear Legislator:

2/25/13

I, Kenneth A. Acton., am writing you in reference to HB 116 Military Medical Buyback. Please support this bill. I have nine and a half years active service in the United States Military and proudly serve the people of Alaska today as an Alaska State Trooper. This bill would provide options for about 200 military veterans currently working in the career fields of Law Enforcement or Fire, Life and Safety in the State of Alaska under Tier's II and III system. I believe it would actually save the State money in the long run. The bill would allow members to retire between their twentieth and twenty-fifth years with full medical coverage depending on how many years of service they are eligible to buy and would only fill the gap until the magical age of 60. These members are some of the highest paid in the State and are often the most injured. Law Enforcement is a young man's game and is more dangerous and expensive in your 50's.

I support the bill and will take advantage of it based on my age. This bill is a great way to show support for our veterans, increase morale, and possibly help with recruitment and most of all save the State money. We are not asking for a hand out, I want to purchase this medical coverage if it is made available.

Thank you for your service and time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ken Acton', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kenneth A. Acton.  
Member Public Safety Employees Association  
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