

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE House Military & Veterans' Affairs Committee

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House Bill 150

"An Act relating to pay, allowances, and benefits for members of the organized militia."

House Bill 150 is part of the ongoing efforts by the Alaska State Legislature and Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to modernize the 1955 Alaska Military Code by providing statutory changes that will better serve our Alaska organized militia.

House Bill 150 would authorize the same pay, allowance and benefits for the organized militia whether they are called into state active duty by the Governor or Adjutant General or called to service under federal active duty by the President.

The current pay system for the organized militia is based on compensation for the specific duty when called into active state service. Under the federal active duty, service members are paid based on their grade and rank, not by the specific duty they are assigned to. The current pay system is not stable or reliable for our organized militia and creates a difficult accounting system that requires many hours to determine each member's pay. House Bill 150 will create a streamlined approach to the accounting system by aligning the pay, allowances and benefits for the Alaska organized militia whether if called to state or federal active duty.

Our service members deserve a reliable pay structure, regardless of where they are called to duty.