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House Bill 307 Military Justice and Militia Civil Relief Sponsor Statement

In an effort to continue to modernize and update the Alaska Military Code, House Bill 307 provides statutory changes to incorporate recent updates from the Federal Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

In 2016, Alaska's military command worked with the legislature to pass the Alaska Code of Military Justice (ACMJ) to provide greater ability to pursue and prosecute those servicemembers who violate military rules and protocols. House Bill 307 is a continuation of those efforts.

House Bill 307 would update crimes recognized by the UCMJ, establish a procedure within the code of military justice for a service member who commits a sexual offense to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper, update offenses that are subject to court-martial proceedings and update consumer protections for service members.

In close and continuing consultation with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, we are continuing our efforts to guaranteeing the safety of Alaskans and the security of our law-enforcement procedures.

Updating the ACMJ regularly is a critical response to the always-evolving military justice system, and vital to maintaining good order and discipline in the Alaska Organized Militia, so it is timely and necessary that we pass HB 307. I urge your support of this legislation.

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