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Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

February 8, 2024

The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to staff qualifications for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

This bill makes changes to language prohibiting the adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard from making an initial appointment of an assistant adjutant general if the appointee does not have at least five years of experience in either the Alaska Army National Guard or Alaska Air National Guard. The adjutant general is instead granted discretionary authority to give preference to a person with at least five years of experience in either the Alaska Army National Guard or Alaska Air National Guard when making an appointment to assistant adjutant general. This change provides the adjutant general with greater flexibility when making high-level appointments and aligns with the governor's statutory discretion to give preference to a person with at least five years of service in the Alaska Army National Guard or Alaska Air National Guard when appointing the adjutant general.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy", written over a horizontal line.

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure

SENATE BILL NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced:

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the appointment of an assistant adjutant general; and providing for**
2 **an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 26.05.180(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The headquarters of the Alaska National Guard is composed of an Army
6 National Guard component, an Air National Guard component, and a Naval Militia
7 component. The Army National Guard component and the Air National Guard
8 component shall each be commanded by an assistant adjutant general appointed by the
9 adjutant general with the concurrence of the governor. The adjutant general may,
10 when appointing an assistant adjutant general, give preference to a person who
11 has served at least five years in the Alaska Army National Guard or the Alaska
12 Air National Guard. An assistant adjutant general shall, while holding office, have
13 the grade of brigadier general or a lower grade that the adjutant general may prescribe.
14 On initial appointment, an assistant adjutant general must hold a federally recognized

1 [FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED] field-grade commission [WITH AT LEAST FIVE
2 YEARS SERVICE IN THE ALASKA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OR IN THE
3 ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD].

4 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2024 Legislative Session

Bill Version: GB 90
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: LL0609-MVA-COM-01-24-24
Title: DMVA QUALIFICATIONS
Sponsor: RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: GOVERNOR

Department: Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
Appropriation: Military and Veterans' Affairs
Allocation: Office of the Commissioner
OMB Component Number: 414

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version; not applicable.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. LL0609

Analysis

This bill proposes to reduce the five-year requirement in existing statute for appointment of an Assistant Adjutant General (ATAG). The existing statute requires the appointee to have at least five years of service in the Alaska National Guard. This bill removes that requirement, instead making it an optional preference for the Adjutant General to consider when selecting an Assistant Adjutant General. This would allow for maximum flexibility when selecting an ATAG.

There is no fiscal impact to the department with this change; therefore, the department submits a zero fiscal note.