

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## **HJR 30, PTSI**

### **Explanation of Changes**

#### **Changes in Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee**

P.1, lines 3-6

**INSERTED:** “respectfully requesting that the Alaska delegation in Congress champion this change of designation in the United States Congress; and designating June 27, 2016, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day.”

P. 2 lines 2-8

**INSERTED:**

“**WHEREAS** combat-related post-traumatic stress is significantly pronounced, given that many men and women in the armed forces are highly exposed, often daily, to traumatic events, including life-and-death situations, for weeks, months, and even years; and

**WHEREAS** service members and veterans often struggle with combat-related post-traumatic stress for years after leaving service; and

**WHEREAS** the extreme survival skills and defensive behaviors acquired as a result of service are often difficult to manage; and”

P. 3, lines 7-8

**INSERTED** “who” after “affected” and **DELETED** “to” before “seek”

P.3 lines 12-13

**DELETED** “to defend the right to freedom” and **INSERTED** “our nation and defending our freedom”

P.3, line 26 to P.4 line 6

**INSERTED:**

“**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the Alaska delegation in Congress champion this change of designation in the United States Congress, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates June 27, 2016, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day to bring awareness to the people suffering from post-traumatic stress injury and encourages people to reach out to their fellow citizens to provide support and eliminate the stigma associated with this injury; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs and the Department of Health and Social Services to continue educating service members and veterans, victims of abuse, crime, and natural disaster, their respective families, and the public about the causes, symptoms, and possible treatment of post-traumatic stress injury.”

P. 4 lines 14-15

**INSERTED** “Joshua Sonkiss, M.D., President, Alaska Psychiatric Association”

### **Changes in State Affairs Committee**

P. 3, line 13

**INSERTED** “**WHEREAS** this resolution does not advocate changing the current qualifications for the Purple Heart; and”