

Dear Legislator:

2/25/13

My name is Eric Spitzer and I am a staff instructor at the Department of Public Safety Training Academy, in Sitka, Alaska. I am writing you in reference to HB 116 Military Medical Buyback. I am asking you to support this bill. I have served 10 years in the United States Marine Corps, and now I proudly serve the people of Alaska. This bill would provide options for only about 200 prior service military veterans in the State of Alaska Tier II and Tier III system. I believe that it would actually save the State of Alaska 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 they are eligible to buy and would only fill the gap until the age of 60. These members are some of the highest paid in the State and are often the most injured.

This bill is a great way to show support for our veterans, increase morale, and most of all save the State of Alaska money. We are not asking for a hand out, we would be buying the medical coverage.

Thank you for your service and time.

Sincerely,

Eric Spitzer
PSEA member
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