

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 536(MLV)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Offered: 4/7/04**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND TOURISM**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to applications for permanent fund dividends by certain individuals**  
2 **servicing in the armed forces, and to payment of certain 2003 and 2004 dividends; and**  
3 **providing for an effective date."**

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

5 **\* Section 1.** AS 43.23.011 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

6 (b) An otherwise eligible individual may apply for a current year dividend  
7 after March 31 of that year if the individual was eligible during the application period  
8 under (a) of this section for hostile fire or imminent danger pay while serving on  
9 active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States. The individual must  
10 apply under this subsection within 90 days after the last day the individual was eligible  
11 for hostile fire or imminent danger pay. If the individual was eligible for hostile fire  
12 or imminent danger pay on March 31 of the current dividend year, the 90-day  
13 application period extension begins on the first day after March 31 that the individual  
14 was no longer eligible for the pay.

1 (c) The commissioner may permit an individual to apply for a permanent fund  
 2 dividend for any year after the application deadline under (a) or (b) of this section if  
 3 the individual

4 (1) at any time during the application period for that dividend  
 5 established in (a) or (b) of this section,

6 (A) served on active duty as a member of the armed forces of  
 7 the United States; and

8 (B) was eligible for hostile fire or imminent danger pay; and

9 (2) demonstrates a reasonable cause for the delay in applying for that  
 10 dividend.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 12 read:

13 APPLICATION FOR 2003 AND 2004 DIVIDENDS. (a) An otherwise eligible  
 14 individual who was eligible for hostile fire or imminent danger pay while serving on active  
 15 duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States during the application period for  
 16 the

17 (1) 2003 dividend may apply for it within 90 days after the effective date of  
 18 this Act;

19 (2) 2004 dividend may apply for it within 90 days after the effective date of  
 20 this Act.

21 (b) AS 43.23.011 and 43.23.055(2) do not apply to the application for a payment of  
 22 dividends under this section.

23 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).