

AMENDMENT

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OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: CSSB 289(FIN)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM

Harris, Lynn, Elkin, JedDowx,  
Thomas, Foster,

1 Page 1, line 9, following "amendments;":

2 Insert "establishing a fund for the payment of Servicemembers' Group Life  
3 Insurance premiums and providing for the payment of Servicemembers' Group Life  
4 Insurance premiums;"

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6 Page 36, following line 5:

7 Insert a new bill section to read:

8 "\* Sec. 48. AS 26.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 **Sec. 26.05.263. Payment of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance**  
10 **premiums; establishment of fund.** (a) The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance  
11 premium fund is established as a separate fund in the state treasury. The fund consists  
12 of appropriations by the legislature to it. Money appropriated to the fund does not  
13 lapse. The state shall hold the principal and earnings of the fund for the purpose of  
14 reimbursing eligible members of the Alaska National Guard deployed to a combat  
15 zone for premiums paid under 38 U.S.C. 1965 - 1980 (Servicemembers' Group Life  
16 Insurance Program).

17 (b) The adjutant general may make expenditures from the fund to reimburse  
18 eligible members of the Alaska National Guard deployed to a combat zone for  
19 premiums paid under the program during the period of

20 (1) deployment if the eligible member applies for reimbursement  
21 within two years after returning to the state following deployment;

22 (2) up to one year of convalescence following the return from  
23 deployment; and

1 (3) with the approval of the adjutant general, up to one year of  
2 convalescence in addition to the year under (2) of this subsection.

3 (c) Subject to appropriation, the fund may be used to pay the expenses  
4 incurred by the commissioner of revenue in managing the fund and administrative  
5 expenses incurred by the Department of Revenue in administering this section.

6 (d) Except as provided in (c) of this section, money in the fund is available for  
7 expenditure without further appropriation.

8 (e) Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund.

9 (f) The Department of Revenue may adopt regulations necessary to carry out  
10 the provisions of this section.

11 (g) In this section,

12 (1) "combat zone" means an area of hostile fire or imminent danger  
13 that entitles a member on duty in that area to special pay;

14 (2) "convalescence" means hospital, outpatient, or rehabilitation  
15 treatment for an injury suffered while deployed to a combat zone;

16 (3) "fund" means the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance premium  
17 fund;

18 (4) "program" means the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance  
19 program established by 38 U.S.C. 1965 - 1980."  
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21 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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23 Page 36, line 12, following "APPLICABILITY":

24 Insert "(a)"

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26 Page 36, following line 13:

27 Insert a new subsection to read:

28 "(b) The reimbursement of premiums paid by members of the Alaska National Guard  
29 deployed to a combat zone under 38 U.S.C. 1965 - 1980 (Servicemembers' Group Life  
30 Insurance Program) under AS 26.05.263, enacted in sec. 48 of this Act, applies to premiums  
31 due on or after January 1, 2005."

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2 Page 37, following line 6:

3 Insert a new bill section to read:

4 **"\* Sec. 52.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
5 read:

6 **RETROACTIVITY.** AS 26.05.263, enacted by sec. 48 of this Act, is retroactive to  
7 January 1, 2005, and applies to authorize reimbursement of premiums paid by eligible Alaska  
8 National Guard members after December 31, 2004."

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10 Page 36, line 17:

11 Delete "sec. 48"

12 Insert "sec. 49"

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14 Page 37, line 7, following "Sections 26 - 31":

15 Insert "48, and 52"

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17 Page 37, line 8:

18 Delete "Sections 25, 36, and 48"

19 Insert "Sections 25, 36, and 49"

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21 Page 37, line 9:

22 Delete "secs. 51 and 52"

23 Insert "secs. 53 and 54"