

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 387(EDU)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Offered: 2/17/06

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS, Croft, Lynn, Dahlstrom, Wilson, Foster, Kerttula

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act providing for a partial tuition waiver for families of members of the Alaska**  
2 **National Guard; directing the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to seek**  
3 **additional funding to support tuition waivers and assistance; and providing for free**  
4 **hunting and fishing licenses for active members of the Alaska National Guard."**

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

6 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.43 is amended by adding new sections to article 3 to read:

7 **Sec. 14.43.087. Partial tuition waiver for the family of a member of the**  
8 **Alaska National Guard.** The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall  
9 establish a program for partial tuition waivers entitling a person enrolled as a student  
10 in good standing in a state-supported educational institution in this state to a waiver of  
11 50 percent of undergraduate tuition if the person is a spouse or child of an active  
12 member of the Alaska National Guard.

13 **Sec. 14.43.088. Supplemental appropriation.** If the adjutant general of the  
14 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs determines that there are insufficient

1 funds to pay for tuition waivers and assistance for all eligible applicants under  
2 AS 14.43.087 and AS 26.05.296, the adjutant general shall request that the legislature  
3 make a supplemental appropriation to fund the waivers and assistance.

4 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

5 (17) Waterfowl conservation tag ..... 5

6 (A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without  
7 having the current year's waterfowl tag in the person's actual possession, unless  
8 that person

9 (i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this  
10 subsection;

11 (ii) is a resident under the age of 16;

12 (iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;

13 (iv) is [A DISABLED VETERAN] eligible for a free  
14 license under AS 16.05.341.

15 (B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the  
16 requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of  
17 the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) -  
18 (4).

19 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.340(a)(23) is amended to read:

20 (23) Resident anadromous king salmon tag ..... 10

21 A resident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon without  
22 having the current year's anadromous king salmon tag in the resident's actual  
23 possession, unless that person

24 (A) qualifies for a 25 cent license fee under (1) of this  
25 subsection;

26 (B) is under the age of 16;

27 (C) is 60 years of age or older and has been a resident of the  
28 state for at least one year;

29 (D) is [A DISABLED VETERAN] eligible for a free license  
30 under AS 16.05.341; or

31 (E) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection.

1 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.341 is amended to read:

2           **Sec. 16.05.341. Free license for disabled veterans and active members of**  
3 **the Alaska National Guard.** A person may receive a resident hunting and sport  
4 fishing license under AS 16.05.340(a)(5) without charge if the person

5                   (1) has been discharged from military service under honorable  
6 conditions, is eligible for a loan under AS 18.56.101, and is certified by the United  
7 States Department of Veterans Affairs as having incurred a 50 percent or greater  
8 disability during military service; [OR]

9                   (2) served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, is eligible for a loan under  
10 AS 18.56.101, and incurred a 50 percent or greater disability while serving in the  
11 Alaska Territorial Guard; **or**

12                   **(3) is an active member of the Alaska National Guard.**