

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 62(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 2/14/07

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS AND KERTTULA, Lynn, Dahlstrom, Crawford

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing for partial tuition assistance for spouses of members of the Alaska**
2 **National Guard; directing the adjutant general to seek additional funding to support**
3 **tuition assistance; and providing for free hunting and sport fishing licenses for active**
4 **members of the Alaska National Guard."**

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

7 (17) Waterfowl conservation tag 5

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

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

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

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

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

3 (B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the
4 requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of
5 the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) -
6 (4).

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.340(a)(23) is amended to read:

8 (23) Resident anadromous king salmon tag 10
9 A resident may not engage in sport fishing for anadromous king salmon without
10 having the current year's anadromous king salmon tag in the resident's actual
11 possession, unless that person

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

14 (B) is under the age of 16;

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

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

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

20 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.341 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

1 * **Sec. 4.** AS 26.05.296 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

2 (c) The adjutant general shall establish a program for partial tuition assistance
3 entitling a person enrolled as a student in good standing in a state-supported
4 educational institution in this state to a payment of 50 percent of undergraduate tuition
5 if the person is a spouse of an active member of the Alaska National Guard.

6 (d) If the adjutant general determines that there are insufficient funds to pay
7 for tuition assistance for all eligible applicants under this section, the adjutant general
8 shall request that the legislature make a supplemental appropriation to fund the
9 assistance.