

HOUSE BILL NO. 393

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSES

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Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to purchase a**
2 **group insurance policy that provides a death benefit for qualified state residents who**
3 **are active duty members of a uniformed service; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 26.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 26.05.264. Supplemental death benefit insurance.** (a) The Department
7 of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall purchase and maintain in effect an insurance
8 policy, from a life insurance company authorized to conduct life insurance business in
9 the state, insuring residents who are members of a uniformed service on active duty
10 against death.

11 (b) To qualify for the benefit of the insurance policy purchased under (a) of
12 this section, a member must qualify for the death benefit for a member under 38
13 U.S.C. 1965 - 1980 (Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Program).

14 (c) The amount of the benefit payable to an individual under the insurance

1 policy purchased under (a) of this section is \$600,000.

2 (d) The department shall establish by regulation the form of application and
3 the method of proving a member's qualification for the benefit.

4 (e) In this section, "resident" means a person who

5 (1) at the time of entry into the service was a resident of the state, who
6 had been a resident for not less than one year immediately before entry into the
7 uniformed service, and who returned to the state within one year after discharge as a
8 resident with the intention of remaining in the state; or

9 (2) was a resident of the state for not less than one year immediately
10 preceding the time of the person's death.

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

13 **APPLICABILITY.** The benefit provided by AS 26.05.264, enacted by sec. 1 of this
14 Act, applies only to qualified members of a uniformed service on active duty who die after the
15 insurance policy authorized in AS 26.05.264, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, takes effect.

16 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2009.