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"An Act relating to fees for fish and small game licenses for military personnel; and providing for an effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

5/5/76

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4-17-76

The Committee on RESOURCES has had CRSSSB 535

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

- recommends it DO PASS
- recommends it DO NOT PASS
- recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)
- recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS
- "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE
- reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
- "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

[Signature] _____
[Signature] _____
[Signature] _____
[Signature] DO NOT PASS _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

- _____ recommends:
- _____ recommends:
- _____ recommends:
- _____ recommends:
- _____ recommends:

[Signature] Chairman

2037 Churchill Drive
Anchorage, AK 99503
14 May 1976

Honorable Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
House of Representatives
State of Alaska
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The State Senate has recently passed CS for Sponsor Substitute for Senate Bill Number 565, an act relating to fees for fish and small game licenses for military personnel, with virtually a unanimous vote in recognition of the short military tours in Alaska (especially at remote sites), and the many military contributions generously made by military personnel on behalf of the residents of this state. In addition, all other states have similar statutes. If this statute becomes law, it would place Alaska on a very similar par with all the other states,

I personally believe that the passage of this Bill by the House of Representatives, State of Alaska, would certainly be a warm gesture by our state and our citizens (and a token of appreciation) for all that the military has done for the state and her residents for so many years. I further believe that SB565 as substituted (and attached) should become law this year and that the House Resources Committee should recommend its immediate passage. I, therefore, sincerely urge that immediate attention be given to this very worthwhile bill and trust that you (and your committee) will give it full support.

I know that our general public in Alaska is highly sensitive towards its responsibilities and will be warmly sympathetic and supportive of this Bill as a gesture of appreciation for all that the military and its personnel throughout the years have done for them.

Sincerely,


Gaylon K. Kinther

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

POUCH S - JUNEAU 99811

May 14, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson
Chairman
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska

Re: CSSSSB No. 565

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Committee Substitute for Sponsor Substitute for Senate Bill No. 565, an Act relating to fees for fish and small game licenses for military personnel, was introduced in the House on May 5, 1976 and was referred to the House Resources Committee.

For the consideration of the House Resources Committee, I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum prepared by R. H. Pilcher, Manager, Juneau Field Office, Department of Revenue advising of effect on revenue and costs of administration.

If you or any members of the House Resources Committee have any questions on the material submitted, please telephone the writer at 465-2397 and I will contact Mr. Pilcher for further information or testimony at a hearing.

Very truly yours,



R. D. Stevenson
Special Assistant

cc: The Honorable John Rader
Prime Sponsor - Senate Bill No. 565

R. H. Pilcher
Manager, Juneau Field Office
Department of Revenue



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MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: R.D. Stevenson
Special Assistant
Department of Revenue

DATE : May 14, 1976

FROM: *R.H. Pilcher*
R.H. Pilcher
Manager
Juneau Field Office

SUBJECT: CSSSSB No. 565

By passage of CSSSSB 565 members of the military service on active duty who are permanently stationed in the state, and their dependents, who do not qualify as resident, may obtain special nonresident military small game and sport fishing licenses at the rates for resident hunting and sport fishing licenses, but may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a regular nonresident hunting license and appropriate tag issued at the nonresident rate.

EFFECT ON TREASURY

Statistics indicate the state received a total of \$81,985 from the sale of nonresident sport fishing and hunting licenses and tags at military installations in year 1975. If the sport fishing small game hunting licenses had been sold on a resident fee basis and big game hunting licenses and tags at non-resident rates the state would have received a total of \$28,112, a loss of \$53,873 in revenue, plus possible loss of Federal Aid Matching funds which are usually on a 3 to 1 basis.

TYPE OF LICENSE	NONRESIDENT GROSS FEES	RESIDENT FEES	NUMBER SOLD
Non-Res. Sport Fish	\$59,200	\$14,800	2,930
Non-Res. Hunt	10,180	3,563	509
Non-Res. Hunt/Fish	4,080	1,224	102
	\$73,460	\$19,587	3,571
Non-Res. Big Game Tags	8,525	8,525	133

PROBLEMS OF ADMINISTRATION

Implementation of CSSSSB565 will necessitate printing and distributing a special Military License and Affidavit to vendors throughout the state. The added cost will be approximately \$1,000 for printing, shipping and postage. The January 1, 1977 effective date allows sufficient time to design, purchase and ship the required licenses and affidavits and to publish the information for licensees, vendors and enforcement personnel.

Estimated cost of printing	\$750
Estimated cost of shipping and postage	\$250

Affidavits can be printed by Central Duplicating.

cc: Raloh Kimlinger
Director, Enforcement Division

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May 11, 1976

Mr. Guy Van Doren
Administrative Assistant to
House Resources Committee
Pouch U
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Guy:

Enjoyed seeing you in Juneau last week and discussing SSSB 565 this morning. Be assured I will do as you suggest and immediately phone my good friend Red Swanson, a key member of the Committee, and work on turning him around to our position.

As I personally told you on the phone, you certainly kept your word and effectively followed through in getting SJR 77, the State's first real statement of agricultural policy, out of committee and through the House. For this we all thank you, and be assured those interested in agriculture, which are legion in this State, will hear of your good work.

As I mentioned to you also, a very important matter is now in Nels' Committee, namely the enclosed copy of SSSB 565. This bill passed the Senate 17 to 2 week before last. Enclosed is a copy of General Hill's concisely written April 23rd background letter to Kay Poland, along with an exchange of correspondence between myself, John Huber and the General. As we both agreed, Committee Chairman Nels ought not to object to 565 as it now eliminates any reference to big game. I am pleased you agree with my view of his feelings.

Guy, I really need your help on this one. Since you made the commitment on the phone to do everything in your power to get it out of the Committee and through the house, it is with a great deal of confidence I feel that it will be done. Be assured I will return the favor.

On the sheer merits of the bill, it is a recognition of simple justice and fairness and a simple civilian thanks to our military friends for the humanitarian work done in rescuing lost and hurt civilians all over the State without any request or thought of remuneration.

Upon receipt of this letter, if you would be kind enough to personally call General Hill in Anchorage at 752-2100 and outline to him your approach and

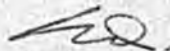
Mr. Guy Van Doren

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strategy to get the job done, it would be most appreciated because, as you know, time is of the essence.

Sincerely,



Edward A. Merdes

EAM/ps

cc: General Hill/Col. Shepard/Col. Brunhart

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