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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SB 72

AS A RESULT OF RESEARCH THIS PAST SUMMER, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT MOST STATES ALREADY PROVIDE THE VETERANS' BENEFIT THAT THIS BILL PROVIDES. IN FACT, 42 STATES PROVIDE FREE RECORDING AND COPIES OF THE ARMED FORCES REPORT OF SEPARATION (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS DD214 OR DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE) AND FREE COPIES OF OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF AN APPLICANT FOR A STATE OR FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFIT.

IF THIS BILL IS PASSED, A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE REQUIRED RECORDS CAN BE OBTAINED, WITHOUT CHARGE, BY THE STATE VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIVISION, THE U. S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, THE APPLICANT HIMSELF, OR A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON THE APPLICANTS BEHALF.

A VETERAN MAY RECORD, WITHOUT CHARGE, HIS REPORT OF SEPARATION FROM THE SERVICE AT A DISTRICT RECORDERS OFFICE (WHICH COMES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES) AND THAT OFFICE SHALL PERIODICALLY SUBMIT COPIES OF THE SEPARATION REPORT TO THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS (WHICH COMES UNDER THE DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES).

THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS WILL KEEP COPIES OF SEPARATION REPORTS RECEIVED OF ALL PERSONS WHO ARE BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA AND WHO ACTIVELY SERVED IN THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL, THE ORGANIZED RESERVES, THE *State* NATIONAL GUARD, THE U. S. ARMY, NAVY, *Air Force* MARINE CORPS, OR COAST GUARD

WHICH COMES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

IN THIS WAY, AN AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR PERSON CAN APPLY TO ONLY ONE AGENCY TO OBTAIN MOST OF THE DOCUMENTS (SUCH AS AN ARMED FORCES SEPARATION REPORT, MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, DEATH CERTIFICATE, ETC.) WHICH MAY BE NEEDED TO DETERMINE AN APPLICANTS' ELIGIBILITY FOR A STATE OR FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFIT.

IN ADDITION TO INDIVIDUAL VETERANS, BOTH THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS DIVISION AND THE U. S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT THIS BILL BECAUSE IT WILL EXPEDITE THEIR WORK IN SERVING VETERANS. IT WILL SAVE BOTH TIME AND MONEY. THE FISCAL NOTE WAS ONLY \$600.00.

I URGE THE PASSAGE OF THIS STATE VETERANS' BENEFIT THAT MOST OTHER STATES ALREADY PROVIDE.

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

March 11, 1981

SUBJECT: Veterans and public records  
(SSSB 72)

TO: Senator Brad Bradley

FROM: Thomas A. Sofo *TAS*  
Legislative Counsel

I understand that there has been some question regarding the category of veterans which are covered by AS 26.10.070(b) as amended in this bill. Apparently, it has been suggested that inclusion of a specific reference to the Territorial Guard would be appropriate. After reviewing the relevant statutes from 1955 through the present time, I am of the opinion that the organized state militia, particularly as defined under AS 26.05.030(d), is a reference which can be used to cover the Territorial Guard. In fact, AS 26.05.100, which describes the state militia has, in the past read that the governor may organize a "Territorial Guard" to be used during the time when the National Guard or Naval Militia is not available. Subsequent amendments throughout AS 26.05 have used the term "state militia" as the current reference.

However, in order to avoid any potential confusion, it is possible to insert the words "Territorial Guard or" before the phrase "organized state militia" in line 1 of page 2 of SSSB 72. I think it can fairly be argued that the Territorial Guard is already included by implication, the suggested amendment would merely serve to alleviate possible confusion. It can also be argued with equal force that the Territorial Guard was in fact the "organized state militia" at the time it existed and that the failure to include it in the present definition (AS 26.05.030) is merely because it no longer exists. You will note that the organized state militia reference in the present bill does not state that we are limited to the present definition of organized state militia contained in AS 28.05.030. But rather than get

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involved in the nuances of that particular legal argument,  
the simplest procedure would probably be the addition of a  
reference to the Territorial Guard in this bill.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter,  
please do not hesitate to contact me.

TAS:ljb

*Distributed by Senator Brad Bradley*

POSITION PAPER

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72 am

"An Act relating to veterans and public records."

This bill amends Sec. 26.10.070 to provide that a veteran may record his armed forces separation report at a recorder's office. The recorder's office will transmit copies of these records to the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Juneau. A file of these records will be maintained by the bureau. A copy of a record will be made and transmitted under the provisions of Sec. 09.25.123.

It is anticipated that this service can be assumed by the Bureau of Vital Statistics without negative impact. The Department of Health and Social Services recommends passage of Sponsor Substitute for Senate Bill No. 72 am.

Recommended by: Joan P. Brooks  
Joan P. Brooks, State Registrar  
Bureau of Vital Statistics

Date: March 16, 1981

Approved by: Helen D. Beirne  
Helen D. Beirne  
Commissioner

Date: 3/24/81

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. Sponsor Substitute For Senate Bill No. 72. am  
 Title "An Act Relating to Veterans and Public Records"  
 Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Health and Social Services  
 Program Category Affected Administrative Services  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Vital Statistics  
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)  
EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85
100 PERSONAL SERVICES			-0-			
200 TRAVEL			-0-			
300 CONTRACTUAL			-0-			
400 COMMODITIES			-0-			
500 EQUIPMENT			-0-			
600 LAND & STRUCTURES			-0-			
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.			-0-			
TOTAL			-0-			

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND			-0-			
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME			-0-			
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

Prepared by: [Signature] Date: Mar. 16, 1981  
 Division/Office: Vital Statistics PH: 465-3391  
 Department of Health & Social Services

Approval DHSS Mgt. & Bdgt: [Signature] Date: 3/20/81

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PAID ADVERTISEMENT

## RANDOLPH REPORTS

# LET'S MOVE THE CAPITOL WHILE WE CAN STILL AFFORD TO



The capital move issue has become such a destructively negative issue that it must be permanently resolved. One way or the other by the voters in November 1982.

**"I'M CONVINCED THAT IT WILL PROVIDE FOR MORE REPRESENTATIVE, EFFICIENT AND, LESS EXPENSIVE GOVERNMENT"**

I am strongly in favor of the move because I'm convinced that it will provide for more representative, efficient and, in the long run less expensive government. There is a very significant added cost in real dollars to both the public and the private sector in having the capitol in Juneau. Millions of dollars are spent each year simply getting there. The substantial expense keeps many ordinary citizens from participating in government thus giving bureaucrats and special interests an abnormal amount of influence:

Eighty percent of the people live in or near the railbelt area. I believe it's important to locate the seat of government where it is easily acces-

sible to them. No major industry trying to market a commodity or service to Alaskans would establish its headquarters in Juneau. It just wouldn't be smart business!

**"NO MAJOR INDUSTRY TRYING TO MARKET A COMMODITY OR SERVICE TO ALASKANS WOULD ESTABLISH ITS HEAD-QUARTERS IN JUNEAU."**

I'm convinced that we can pay all the legitimate public cost of moving the capital and retrieve the investment in reduced governmental cost, increased efficiency, and more representative government.

More important than where the capitol is, however, is to settle the issue once and for all! This has been our most devious issue for over a decade and its time we put it behind us.

This issue has caused tens of millions of dollars to be misallocated in the past and unless the issue is settled, will cause hundreds of millions to be misallocated in the future both by pro-movers and anti-movers in their quest to gain support for their positions.

If the total cost of this struggle could be accurately computed not only in dollars, but in the effect it's had on other legislation over the years, it would be appalling. Almost every major piece of legislation over the past 12-15 years has been affected to one degree or another by this issue.

**"IT TOOK 30 DAYS TO ORGANIZE THE HOUSE THIS YEAR AND IT'S STILL NOT FUNCTIONING WELL"**

Also, efforts to organize the legislature are always built around the capitol move question. It took 30 days to organize the House this year and it's still not functioning well, largely because of the capital move issue.

If not resolved, this issue will cost far more over the next five years than the capital move itself will cost!

The only way to resolve the issue permanently is to constitutionally dedicate the capital to a location. I have introduced HJR 31 which if passed would place a constitutional amendment before the voters dedicated the capital either to the new location or to Juneau. This will allow both the pro-movers and the anti-movers the opportunity to make their best arguments one last time, and will allow the voters to settle the issue one way or the other permanently in November 1982.

I sincerely hope that many of you on both sides of this issue will join in supporting HJR 31 so that after the vote on November 2, 1982 this problem will be behind us, and we can move on to other important issues.

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