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OFFERED IN THE SENATE:

By: Bradley

To: \_\_\_\_\_ SENATE BILL No. 72

HOUSE BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_

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MILITARY SERVICE.

Line 22 Delete [were] and add are

Line 24 Delete [or Marine Corps] and add  
, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard or  
Alaska National Guard

2/4 called  
9:25 a.m.

Jack Chenoweth 3837  
requested legal opinion - will  
have same on Mon. 2/9/81

Introduced: 1/14/81  
Referred: State Affairs

*Bradford*  
*H. H. Brown*

*T. J. Brook*  
BY BRADLEY  
*Brook*

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*← Sec. 2 - Records Office - Discharge papers DD 214 - free*

*List of vet. names*

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SB 72, "An Act relating to veterans and public records."

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# STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

POUCH C - JUNE 1981

465-2200

January 29, 1981

Honorable Brad Bradley  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

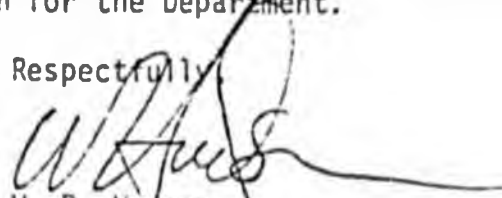
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Re: Senate Bill No. 72

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Thank you for your request. If you have any questions, please call me or Judy Crondahl, Legislative Liaison for the Department.

Respectfully,



W. R. Hudson  
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WRH/mjc

cc: Keith Specking  
Judy Crondahl

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. Senate Bill No. 72

Title "An Act relating to veterans and public records"

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Department of Health and Social Services

Agency Affected \_\_\_\_\_

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

Two or three filing cabinets for record storage.

Original: Legislative Finance  
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Prepared by: Alan P. G... Date: Jan 30, 198  
 Division/Office: \_\_\_\_\_ PH: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department of Health & Social Services

Approval DHSS Mgt. & Bdgt: N... Date: 4/30/81

POSITION PAPER

SENATE BILL NO. 72

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Recommended by:

*Joan P. Brooks*

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State Registrar  
Bureau of Vital Statistics

Date:

*Jan. 30, 1981*

Approved by:

*Helen D. Beirne*

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Commissioner

Date

*1/30/81*

STATE OF ALASKA  
THE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

POUCH Y STATE CAPITOL  
JUNEAU ALASKA 99811  
907 465 3800

MEMORANDUM

February 13, 1981

SUBJECT: Veterans records -- SB 72  
(Work Order No. 12-0578)

TO: Senator Vic Fischer, Chairman  
Senate State Affairs Committee  
Attn: Nancy Groszek ←

FROM: Thomas A. Sofo AS  
Legislative Counsel

It is my understanding that based upon the results of the meeting held on the morning of February 11, 1981, with Senator Bradley, his staff, and others, and on his representation at that meeting that he would copy your office with any revised drafts of SB 72, there is no longer any need to proceed with the research for an opinion considering the confidentiality of veterans discharge records. Based on that understanding, I shall consider this work order request closed. Let me know if I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter.

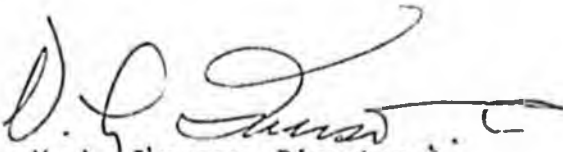
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# MEMORANDUM

# State of Alaska

TO: Memorandum for the Record

DATE: February 9, 1981

  
FROM: V. L. Iverson, Director  
Division of Administrative Services

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 465-3082

SUBJECT: Addendum to DHSS  
Position Paper on  
SB 72

In order to obtain the best possible information with respect to the availability of information from the Federal records centers concerning those veterans addressed in SB 72, telephone discussions were conducted with staff of The Adjutant General's Office, U. S. Army, Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Army Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

Lt. Col. Luther Ray, Executive Officer TAGO (phone 202-695-0163), stated that the retained records of discharged military personnel of all the services are maintained at the National Personnel Records Center, General Services Administration (GSA) 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, 63132. He said that the personnel records of military personnel in the active National Guard or Reserve, and retired military service members, are retained by their respective services as long as the former remain in active status or until the latter die. Then their records are turned over to the National Personnel Records Center, GSA. Col. Ray furnished the name and telephone number of the senior Army official with direct responsibility for active NGUS and USAR military personnel records and for the records of living Army retired personnel. He is Brig. General Charles Briggs, Commander, U. S. Army Reserve Component Personnel and Administration Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, 63132 (telephone 314-263-7701).

Although Gen. Briggs was absent on official travel status (TDY), Lucille Campbell, who has 30 years of service in the U. S. Army Reserve Component Personnel and Administrative Center and its predecessor agencies, made herself available to address the questions generated by SB 72. After a briefing of the general circumstances that prompted this inquiry to be made, Ms. Campbell responded in essence as follows to the questions that are set forth in summary form below:

Q: SB 72 would require that the Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics keep on file a record of all Alaskans who are veterans of the military services that "...shall contain the name, age, and place of residence at the time of entering service, place and date of commission, enlistment or induction, branch of service, record of service and the date, place and nature of discharge...." May all those data elements be made available by GSA and the military service permanent records centers at the request of persons duly empowered under Alaska Statute to obtain and maintain such data?

February 9, 1981

A: All of the data elements except the specific numbered/lettered street address or P.O. box number and the nature of discharge could be furnished at the request of the State's duly authorized representative. The city or town and the State from which the person entered the service could legally be provided but any more specific address and the nature of discharge are protected under the Privacy Act.

Q: If the Bureau of Vital Statistics obtained authorization from the former military service member to get the specific address from which the service was entered and/or the nature of the discharge rendered could GSA/your center then furnish the Bureau such data?

A: Yes. The signed authorization of the former military member, or of his/her next of kin if the former service member is deceased, would permit us to furnish the data.

Q: Can GSA and the military services personnel records centers screen out the names of persons who entered military service from Alaska?

A: No. Records are maintained of literally millions of persons who have prior military service. All of our filing systems for military personnel records are alphabetically indexed by name. A number of similar inquiries have been received from various States over past years, in my experience. However, the systems for filing such records have always been alphabetical (numerically supported by service or social security number) with further subdivision by era, in most instances. To determine the place of entry into service would require human screening of each of the millions of files, which is obviously wholly infeasible.

Q: If the Bureau of Vital Statistics, by advertisement statewide, obtains names, identifying numbers, if available, and dates or approximate dates of service of persons who entered services from Alaska or are now residing in Alaska, and obtained the requisite signed authorizations to obtain restricted data, would GSA and the military personnel records centers provide the Bureau with the data required by SB 72?

A: Yes; given adequate time to respond and payment for the cost of searching indexes, locating and obtaining the records, extracting the data onto forms provided by the Bureau, transmitting the completed forms to the Bureau and returning the military personnel records to file.

Q: What is the cost of each transaction to provide the required data on each individual?

A: That would have to be computed, so I cannot even guess what each case would cost. I suggest that you write the Director of the National Personnel Center, GSA and the Commander of the U.S. Army Reserve Component Personnel and Administration Center to obtain statements of cost per transaction.

The foregoing presents the substance of the telephone discussions but is not a verbatim account.

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Date: Dec. 30, 1981

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

Date: 1/30/81

Memo sent  
Bradley

1/19/81

Fiscal Note

~~Dick Roundtree~~ ~~465-4600~~

~~Louis Richardson~~

→ Katie Wallin 465-2504  
→ called 1/20/81 - re: fiscal note &  
background info

→ called again 1/29/81 - re: fiscal  
note; she sd it would be zero  
but will double check

1/29/81 - called Debbie Behr <sup>HESS</sup> re:  
fiscal note left call back

1/30/81 - T/C w/ Katie Wallin  
Commissioner will be there to  
testify

1/30/81 - T/C w/  
Debbie Behr HESS-3030 -  
will send over info on bill

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- records compiled by public agencies  
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Frank Lee —

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