

HB

264

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date referred: 4/23/87

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 5/4/87

The Finance Committee has considered HB 264

"An Act relating to the reenlistment bonus for members of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia; and providing for an effective date."

**RECOMMENDS:**

- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title
- attached amendment(s)  a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**ADOPTS:**  \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

**ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s):**

- fiscal impact  same as previous fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_
- zero fiscal note  same as previous zero fiscal note published 4-10-87
- zero with analysis

**SIGNING DO PASS:**

ADAMS Robert Adams

POURCHOT Ray Pourchot

LARSON Ronald J. Larson

GOLL Pete Goll

BOYER Mark Boyer

WALLIS Ray Wallis

DAMS Mike Dams

**SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

FRANK Frank

BROWN Tay Brown

RIEGER Steve Rieger

Robert P. Adams  
Chairman's signature

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Version: HB 264  
Publish Date: HOUSE 4/10/87

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Reenlistment Bonus for Members of the AKNG and AK Naval Militia

Agency Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs  
BRU: Alaska National Guard Benefits

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor: Governor

Components: Retention Benefits

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached

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Date: 4/6/87

Approved by Commissioner: MG John W. Schaeffer  
Agency: Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Date: 4/6/87

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)
- Senate Secretary

This program was funded at \$484,400 during fiscal year 1987. A budget decrement for \$304,000 has been submitted in the FY88 budget bringing the revised funding level to \$180,400. This decrement has been submitted based on the elimination of the reenlistment bonus program for the National Guardsmen with over twelve years of service. The program will be maintained for those members in the seven to twelve year group where the program has proven most effective in retaining members.

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 264

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5

A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the reenlistment bonus for mem-  
7 bers of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval  
8 Militia; and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 26.05.265 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 26.05.265. REENLISTMENT BONUS. (a) Subject to legislative  
12 appropriation and (c) of this section, an [AN] enlisted member of the  
13 Alaska National Guard or the Alaska Naval Militia who extends or  
14 reenlists within 30 days after completing a term of service is enti-  
15 tled to a bonus if

16 (1) the extension or reenlistment is for the maximum au-  
17 thorized term;

18 (2) at the time of the extension or reenlistment the member  
19 has not less than three years of service creditable for retirement  
20 purposes; and

21 (3) on completion of the term for which the member extends  
22 or reenlists, the member will have not more than 12 years of service  
23 creditable for retirement purposes.

24 (b) The bonus is \$500 for each year of extension or reenlist-  
25 ment, but may not exceed a total of \$3,000 for a member's entire  
26 service. The bonus is payable at the satisfactory completion of each  
27 year of extension or reenlistment. A pro rata share of the bonus must  
28 be paid to an enlisted member of the Alaska National Guard or Alaska  
29 Naval Militia for that portion of a year satisfactorily served before

1           (1) becoming ineligible because of full-time employment  
2 with the National Guard or the Department of Military and Veterans'  
3 Affairs, as described in (c) of this section;

4           (2) dying or being disabled, if the member's death or  
5 disability was not caused by the member's own misconduct; or

6           (3) being discharged from enlisted status to accept a  
7 warrant or commission as an officer in the National Guard.

8           (c) An enlisted member of the Alaska National Guard or Alaska  
9 Naval Militia is not eligible for the reenlistment bonus provided in  
10 (a) of this section if the enlisted member is

11           (1) a full-time employee of the National Guard as a techni-  
12 cian under 32 U.S.C. 709;

13           (2) a full-time employee of the National Guard as an active  
14 guard reserve employee under 32 U.S.C. 502(f); or

15           (3) a full-time employee of the Department of Military and  
16 Veterans' Affairs whose salary is paid by the state.

17 \* Sec. 2. Section 2, ch. 62, SLA 1983 is repealed.

18 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1987.

# STATE OF ALASKA

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April 27, 1987

Mr. Al Adams  
Chairman Finance Committee  
House of Representatives  
Post Office Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811


RE: House Bill 264; National Guard Reenlistment Bonus

Dear Chairman Adams:

The proposed FY 88 budget for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) was submitted in anticipation that HB 264 would be enacted into law. HB 264 would eliminate certain classes of recipients from the bonus program. More importantly however the Bill would make payment of the bonus conditioned upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose. This Bill is important for the vitality of the reenlistment program in FY 88.

I understand that this Bill is now before the House Finance Committee. As this Bill was proposed to give a statutory basis to the proposed cuts in the program which are part of the Departments FY 88 budget submission, I request that this matter be scheduled for hearing in the House Finance Committee at the earliest opportunity. Prompt action by the House will be required if there is going to be any chance for Senate action on this Bill before this session of the Legislature ends.

Sincerely,

  
MG John W. Schaeffer  
The Adjutant General  
Department of Military  
and Veterans Affairs

STEVE COWPER  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

April 9, 1987

The Honorable Ben Grussendorf  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the reenlistment bonus for members of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia. The bill reduces the pool of members eligible to receive a reenlistment bonus, most significantly by eliminating from eligibility full-time employees of the National Guard and full-time employees of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

AS 26.05.265, as amended in 1983, provides for payment of a \$500 bonus annually for each year of reenlistment, up to \$3,000 for a member's entire service. AS 26.05.265(b). Certain members who were receiving the pre-1983 type of bonus, which was equal to 10 days' pay, were "grandfathered" into that bonus until they retired, resigned, or were otherwise discharged. Sec. 2, ch. 62, SLA 1983.

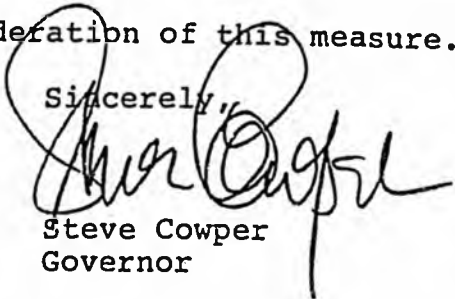
Section 1 of this bill makes federal employees who are full-time technicians or active guard reserve employees, and full-time employees of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, ineligible to receive a reenlistment bonus. AS 26.05.265(c). Additionally, the bill amends AS 26.05.-265(b) to provide for pro rata payment of an annual bonus when a member becomes ineligible due to other amendments made by this bill, or when a member dies, is disabled, or is discharged from enlisted status to accept a warrant or commission as an officer.

Section 2 of the bill repeals the "grandfather" language of sec. 2, ch. 62, SLA 1983, finally discontinuing payment of the 10-days'-pay bonus.

Hon. Ben Grussendorf

I urge your favorable consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,



Steve Cowper  
Governor