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January 9, 1989

The Honorable Tim Kelly
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Kelly:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to liability immunity of the state, its employees and agents, and members of the Alaska National Guard.

While training or on duty under federal mandate, the state national guards are performing a United States Government activity. Nevertheless, there have been occasions in which states, rather than the United States, have been exposed to tort liability for injuries or damage resulting from federally mandated guard activities.

In 1981, Congress amended 28 U.S.C. 2671 by adding to the definition of "employees of the government" members of the National Guard while training or on duty under federal order under 32 U.S.C. The effect of this amendment was to clarify that the United States considers the Guard as a federal function during 32 U.S.C. activities and that claims for injuries resulting from such activities could be pursued under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq. In spite of this change in the law, there are rare occasions when the state remedy is preferred by an injured third party, who consequently will file a claim for damages in state court on the basis of state law. This bill will prevent suits of this nature, and assure that persons injured or property damaged as a result of federally mandated and controlled Guard activities will be required to seek damages from the United States Government. Existing worker's compensation coverage of guardsmen will not be affected by this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Cowper".

Steve Cowper
Governor

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Department of Administration
Title: An act limiting liabilities for BRU: Risk Management
activities of the Alaska National Guard
Sponsor: Rules Committee Components: _____
Requestor: Governor

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
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)

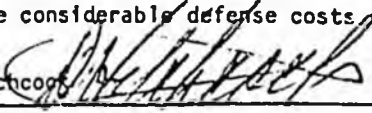
GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0


POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The fiscal benefit is difficult to project because State retentions (deductibles) have varied in past years and this legislation applies only to future claims. The Division of Risk Management would reduce costs of insurance allocations to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs by \$50.0. However, since this exposure represents only a small portion of total State exposures, it is unlikely that total cost of risk to the State would be immediately affected. Certainly passage of this bill might save considerable defense costs should claims occur in the future.

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Division: Risk Management Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: John M. Andrews  Date: 3/6/89
Agency: Department of Administration

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: February 28, 1989
Title: An Act limiting liability for activities of the Alaska National Guard
Sponsor: Sen. Judiciary
Requestor: Sen. Judiciary

Agency Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs
BRU: Alaska National Guard
Components: Office of the Adjutant General

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Passage of this bill will reduce the civil liability exposure of the State of Alaska. This reduction in exposure will be reflected by a reduction in the insurance costs charged to DMVA by the Division of Risk Management.

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