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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

RECAP OF
SB 342

Reenlist Bonus Nat'l Guard/Naval Militia

Received April 19, 1990
by Sen. Duncan, Halford, Szymanski

Heard April 25, 1990

Passed Out of Committee April 25, 1990
4 Do Pass

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: April 19, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: _____

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

SB 342

SENATE BILL NO. 342

REENLIST BONUS NAT'L GUARD/NAVAL MILITIA

"An Act relating to the reenlistment bonus for members of the Alaska National Guard and the Alaska Naval Militia."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- be replaced with _____ the same title
- have 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):
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

(Date/Dept)

- fiscal impact _____
- zero fiscal note _____
- zero with analysis _____

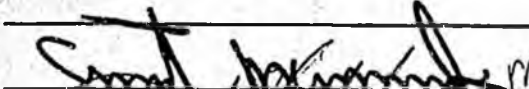

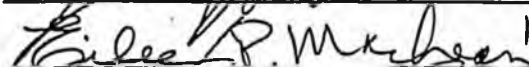
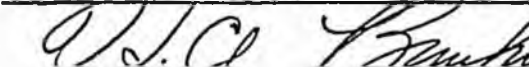
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- zero fn/analysis _____

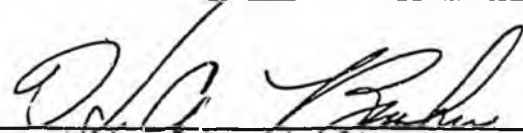
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Do Not
Pass No Rec Amend

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Chairman's Signature

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: February 13, 1990
Title: An Act relating to reenlistment
bonus for members of National Guard
Sponsor: Rep. Duncan
Requestor: _____

Agency Affected: DMVA
BRU: Alaska National Guard Benefits
Components: Retention Benefits
Formula

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will have no fiscal impact on DMVA

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Approved by Commissioner: MG John Schaeffer Date: 2/13/90
Agency: Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

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Item 3



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To: Representative Red Boucher
Chair
House State Affairs Committee

From: Senator Jim Duncan

Regards: SB 342

Date: April 19, 1990

I would appreciate the earliest possible hearing for Senate Bill 342.

This measure amends Alaska Statute 26.05.265(c) to allow employees of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs not required to be members of the Alaska National Guard or the Alaska Naval Militia as a condition of their employment to receive a reenlistment bonus.

As pointed out in the Department's position paper which is attached along with a zero fiscal note, legislation approved in 1987 discriminates against department employees who are not required to be members of these organizations.

It points out that a National Guard or Naval Militia member who is an Accounting Technician or Mail Clerk Carrier in any other state agency would be eligible to receive the reenlistment bonus, but not if they worked for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

There are currently no employees in the Department facing this problem now, but certainly there is the potential for problems in the future.

As stated in the Department's position paper, "This is in the Department's interest because it enables National Guard members to compete equally for state positions in D-M-V-A instead of putting them at a disadvantage." This measure provides an opportunity for the Legislature to correct an inequity.

The Senate State Affairs Committee, the bill's only committee referral in the Senate, approved SB 342 as introduced.

Your consideration of this request is most appreciated.

Attachments:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

POSITION PAPER

SB 342

Summary of Bill: This bill would allow DMVA employees to be eligible to receive the National Guard reenlistment bonus as long as their state position did not require that they belong to the National Guard.

History of Issue: In 1987, legislation passed (Ch 24, SLA 87) that restricted eligibility for the reenlistment bonus in order to reduce the cost of this program. The unchanged text of A.S. 26.05.265(c) is the language adopted at that time. In practice, subsection (c)(3) of the 1987 language has essentially discriminated against state employees of DMVA who are not required to be members of the National Guard. For example, a member of the National Guard who is an accounting technician or mail carrier in any other state agency would be eligible to receive the reenlistment bonus, but would not be eligible if they did the same work for DMVA. This legislation would remove the current inequity.

Impact of Bill on Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: There would be no administrative or fiscal impact on DMVA as a result of passage of this bill. There are currently no state employees in DMVA who would be directly affected by this legislation. In the future, National Guard members who are competing for a state position in DMVA would not be required to give up their reenlistment bonus eligibility by accepting the position. This is in the department's interest because it enables National Guard members to compete equally for state positions in DMVA instead of putting them at a disadvantage.

Departmental Position on Bill: The department supports this bill.

Approved: John W. Schaeffer Date: 2/13/90
for MG John W. Schaeffer