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SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER SB342

SPONSOR DUNCAN

BILL TITLE Reenlistment Bonus for Nat'l Guard and Militia

DATE REFERRED 1-8-90

HEARING SCHEDULED

FISCAL NOTE PREPARED

SPONSOR CONTACTED

INTERESTED PARTIES CONTACTED

SB 342: An Act relating to the reenlistment bonus for members of the AK National Guard and the Naval Militia. Senator Duncan's bill allows Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) employees to be eligible to receive the National Guard reenlistment bonus as long as their state position does not require them to belong to the National Guard. For a history of the issue, refer to the DMVA position paper. There are currently no state employees directly impacted by SB 342 but it will allow those National Guard members who apply for future state positions to not sacrifice their bonus eligibility.

OTHER

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT  
FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

DATE: January 8, 1990

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
INTO OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

State Affairs Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 342

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

and recommended:

- replace with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_  same title
- attached amendment(s)  new title
- \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department(s)/Date:

Department(s)/Date:

fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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zero fiscal note(s) DMVA 2/13/90  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

appropriation-no fiscal note

Governor's bill w/fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

*Tom Kelly*

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

*John Smith No Rec*

*Pat [Signature]*  
Chair: Signature and Recommendation

BY SEN. DUNCAN, Halford, Szymanski

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 342

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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

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

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

11 (c) An enlisted member of the Alaska National Guard or Alaska  
12 Naval Militia is not eligible for the reenlistment bonus provided in  
13 (a) of this section if the enlisted member is a full-time employee of  
14 the

15 (1) National Guard as a technician under 32 U.S.C. 709;

16 (2) National Guard as an active guard reserve employee  
17 under 32 U.S.C. 502(f); or

18 (3) Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs whose  
19 salary is paid by the state and if the department requires that the  
20 employee belong to the Alaska National Guard or the Alaska Naval  
21 Militia in order to hold the position.

Organized Militia:

AK. Nat'l Guard: As defined by US laws

AK. Naval Militia: US Naval Reserve  
US Marine Corps Reserve

Reenlistment Bonus:

\$500 per year up to maximum of \$3000.  
Eligible after one year satisfactory service.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

*J. Morrison*  
for MG John W. Schaeffer

Date: 2/13/90

## 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						
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REVENUE						
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**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  
 Agency: Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Date: 2/13/90

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TO: SENATOR PAT POURCHOT  
CHAIR  
STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FROM: SENATOR ~~JIM~~ DUNCAN

REGARDS: REQUEST FOR HEARING ON SB 342

DATE: JANUARY 9, 1990

I WOULD APPRECIATE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE HEARING DATE FOR SB 342.

SB 342 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 REENLISTMENT BONUS.

CURRENTLY, ONLY ONE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE IN ANCHORAGE IS IMPACTED, BUT THERE IS CERTAINLY THE POTENTIAL FOR OTHERS TO BE IMPACTED IN THE FUTURE. A DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE NOT REQUIRED TO JOIN EITHER OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT, SHOULD BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY OF A REENLISTMENT BONUS.

YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST IS MOST APPRECIATED.