

**SB 194**

# USE COMMITTEE REPORT

(17)

Date Referred: May 18, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/19/91

The FINANCE Committee considered:

CSSSSB 194(FIN)

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 194 (FINANCE)

HEPATITIS B SHOTS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

"An Act relating to hepatitis B vaccinations for law enforcement officers and emergency medical and rescue personnel; and providing for an effective date."

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title

a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact \_\_\_\_\_

fiscal note(s) DHSS 5/15/91

zero fiscal note \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) DPS 4/26/91

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<u>Ed Mulean</u> Maclean	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
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FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

Bill Version: SSSB 194

(S) Publish Date: 4/26/91

STATE OF ALASKA  
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: "An Act relating to Hepatitis B  
vaccinations."  
Sponsor: Senator Menard  
Requestor: Senate HESS

Department Affected: PUBLIC SAFETY  
BRU: Alaska State Troopers  
Component: Detachments

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 

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EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (Inflation not Included)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
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-
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER/PROG RCPT						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Changes in SSSB 194 (FIN)  
have no fiscal impact. This  
fiscal note is appropriate.  
5/15/91 LD - [Signature]  
date Comte Aide (initial)

POSITIONS:

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

Changes in SSSB 194 (FIN)  
have no fiscal impact. This  
fiscal note is appropriate.

Estimate of current year impact None

26 Apr 91 [Signature]  
date Comte Aide (initial)

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact upon the Alaska State Troopers is anticipated.

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Division: Alaska State Troopers Date: 4/18/91  
Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Richard L. Burton  
Agency: Department of Public Safety Date: 4/18/91

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

REQUEST: FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Affects: Health & Social Services  
 Title: An Act Relating to Hepatitis B BRU: State Health Services  
 Sponsor: Menard, Collins Components: Epidemiology  
 Requester: Senate HES

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

General Funds	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Federal Funds						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>

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)

See Attached

Changes in CSSB 194 (FIN) reflect NO FISCAL CHANGE from the original fiscal note. This fiscal note is appropriate.

5-15-91 MLD  
date Comte Aide (initial)\_,

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 Date: 05/13/91

Approved By Commissioner: Theodore Mala, MD, MPH  
 Agency: HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Date: 5/14/91

Distribution (by preparer):  
 Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor,  
 Office of Management & Budget, Impacted Agency(ies)

CS for SS Senate Bill 194

Estimating the cost of screening and vaccinating emergency medical services providers who do not reside in a municipality that has the power to establish a program of hepatitis B testing and vaccination, is difficult. According to the Alaska Department of Public Safety, there are 258 uniformed State Troopers, plus another 32 uniformed court officers, and 125 village public safety officers (VFSO's). Under recent OSHA requirements, if these people come into contact with blood or other body fluids in the emergency patient care setting at least once a month, then their employer would be required to provide hepatitis B testing and vaccination. We also estimate that there are about 300 volunteer EMT and rescue personnel outside incorporated cities and boroughs in Alaska. Also, without doing a statewide survey, we cannot estimate how many of these people already have been vaccinated.

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 194 (FINANCE)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/15/91

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS MENARD, Collins, Sturgulewski

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to hepatitis B vaccinations for law enforcement officers and emergency  
2 medical and rescue personnel; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 18.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 ARTICLE 3A. HEPATITIS B.

6 Sec. 18.15.250. VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY  
7 PERSONNEL. (a) The department shall establish a program under which hepatitis B testing and  
8 vaccination is reasonably accessible at no charge to all volunteer emergency medical and rescue  
9 personnel in the state who provide an emergency medical or rescue service primarily within an  
10 unincorporated community or within a municipality that does not provide funding for the service.

11 (b) A municipality that has the power to do so shall establish a program under which  
12 hepatitis B testing and vaccination is reasonably accessible at no charge to all law enforcement  
13 officers and all volunteer or employed emergency medical and rescue personnel who provide  
14 service to the public within the municipality. The department shall, upon request, assist a

1 municipality in establishing a program required under this subsection.

2 (c) The Department of Public Safety shall establish a program under which hepatitis B  
3 testing and vaccination is reasonably accessible at no charge to all officers of the state troopers.  
4 The Department of Health and Social Services shall, upon request, assist the Department of  
5 Public Safety in establishing a program required under this subsection.

6 (d) In this section,

7 (1) "emergency medical and rescue personnel" means a trauma technician, medical  
8 technician, rescuer, or paramedic;

9 (2) "employed" means that the person is a paid employee of a first responder  
10 service, a rescue service, an ambulance service, or a fire department that provides emergency  
11 medical or rescue services as part of its duties;

12 (3) "law enforcement officer" means a member of the police force of a  
13 municipality;

14 (4) "volunteer" means that the person is an active volunteer of a first responder  
15 service, a rescue service, an ambulance service, or a fire department that provides emergency  
16 medical or rescue services as part of its duties.

17 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).



# Alaska State Legislature

## SENATE

Official Business

P.O. Box V  
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Senator Curt Menard

### SPONSOR STATEMENT:

SB194 (Finance): "An Act relating to hepatitis B vaccinations for Law enforcement officers and emergency medical services providers."

Hepatitis B is second in importance only to tobacco as a known human carcinogen. Hundreds of millions of people are chronically infected with the virus and face an elevated risk of acquiring liver cancer. Many chronic carriers appear healthy but can still transmit the virus through close contact and start the cycle of disease anew.

The Journal of Infectious Diseases reports "Yupik Eskimos of southwestern Alaska have the highest known prevalence of hepatitis B virus infection of any general population in the United States."

The high cost of the vaccine (approximately \$100 each) prevents universal vaccination but we can, and must, protect those at highest risk of infection. Those are the individuals that will benefit from the provisions of the bill before you.

A recent directive from OSHA mandates testing and vaccination programs for health care employees "at substantial risk." Currently that OSHA directive is being interpreted as paid employees only.

SB 194 puts into law the OSHA mandate and extends coverage to volunteers. Clearly all emergency responders are at the same risk independent of their paid or volunteer status.

Section (a): The Department of Health and Social Services is to provide the testing and vaccination program for all volunteers outside of municipalities who have assumed health powers.

Section (b): Municipalities with health powers will provide the program for all law enforcement officers and volunteer or paid emergency medical and rescue personnel.

Section (c): The Department of Public Safety will make the same testing and vaccination program available to all state troopers.

I appreciate your support of this legislation.

COMPARISON OF HB230 AND SB194:

HB 230: "An Act relating to hepatitis B testing and vaccinations for volunteer emergency personnel"

Sponsor: Kubina

HESS: Passed out on 04-05-91  
6 DP 1 NR

Section (a) of CSSSSB194 (Fin) is the same as section (a) of the House version. It requires that the Dept. of Health and Social Services provide a hepatitis B testing and vaccination program to all volunteer emergency medical and rescue personnel in the state who work in unincorporated communities or in municipalities who do not have health powers.

Section (b) of the Senate bill expands the required testing and immunization program to include law enforcement officers and all volunteer or employed emergency medical and rescue personnel who provide service to the public within a municipality who has assumed health powers.

Section (c) of the Senate bill requires the Dept. of Public Safety to establish a testing and vaccination program for state troopers.

Section (d) of the Senate bill provides definitions. The definitions for "emergency medical and rescue personnel" and "volunteer" are taken directly from the House version of the bill.