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Alaska State Legislature

SENATE

Official Business

P.O. Box V
State Capitol
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
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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.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date Referred: March 21, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 4-4-91

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

HB 230

HOUSE BILL NO. 230

HEPATITIS B TESTING AND VACCINATIONS

"An Act relating to hepatitis B testing and vaccinations for volunteer emergency personnel; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with _____ [] the same title

[] have attached amendments(s) [] a new title

[] 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 DASS

[] fiscal note(s) _____

[] zero fiscal note _____

[] zero fiscal note(s) _____

| SIGNING <u>DO PASS</u> | DP | <u>OTHER</u> RECOMMENDATIONS | DNP | NR | AM |
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| <i>Chris Davis</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| <i>Mary Miller</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| | | <i>Mark Panley</i> HANLEY | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| <i>Bettye Davis</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| <i>J. Gonzales</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | GONZALES | | | |
| <i>John Carney</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CARNEY | | | |
| <i>Lincoln</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | LINCOLN | | | |
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CO-CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE BILL NO. 194

HISTORY IN THE SENATE

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Read first time and referred to:
HESS FINANCE
Don P. HESS - HESS Finance
(New Title)

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New Title Same Title ___ Previous FN ___
 FN OFN ___ To Finance

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 New Title ___ Same Title ___ Previous FN ___
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Read second time
 CS Adopted (Fin) New Title ___
Amended ___ Advanced ___

Read third time

___ Letter of Intent adopted
___ Return to second for specific amendment

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PASSED _____ EFD Same or
Yeas 15 Yeas
Nays _____ Nays
Excused 4 Excused
Absent _____ Absent

Reconsideration
Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED _____ EFD Same ___ or
Yeas _____ Yeas
Nays _____ Nays
Excused _____ Excused
Absent _____ Absent

Reported correctly engrossed
Signed by President, to House
Nana R. Smith
Secretary of the Senate

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

1991
5/18

Read first time and referred to:
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Read second time
CS() Adopted

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Return to second for specific amendment

PASSED _____ EFD Same ___ or
Yeas _____ Yeas
Nays _____ Nays
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Absent _____ Absent

___ Intent adopted

Reconsideration
Reconsideration not taken up

PASSED ON RECON. _____ EFD Same ___ or
Yeas _____ Yeas
Nays _____ Nays
Excused _____ Excused
Absent _____ Absent

___ Intent adopted

Reported correctly engrossed, signed by the Speaker
and returned to the Senate

___ Chief Clerk of the House

REQUEST: FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affect: 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 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 |

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| CAPITAL | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
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| REVENUE | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Funds | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 |
| Federal Funds | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 30.0 |

POSITIONS

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| 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.

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Date: 05/13/91

Approved By Commissioner: Theodore Mala, MD, MPH *(Signature)*
Agency: HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Date: 5/14/91

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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 (VPSO'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's 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.

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- |

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| 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)

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|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| GENERAL FUND | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
| OTHER/PROG ACPT | | | |
| TOTAL | -0- | -0- | -0- |

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

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

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

Estimate of current year impact None

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact upon the Alaska State Troopers is anticipated.

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Agency: Department of Public Safety Date: 4/18/91

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