

**HB**

**59**



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA  
P.O. Box 141988  
Anchorage, Alaska 99514

March 17, 1993

Representative Al Vezey  
Capitol Room 102  
House of Representatives  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Vezey,

House bill 59 makes a special appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources for refunds to veterans who purchased state land between April 1, 1983 and July 6, 1984. It also reimburses the University of Alaska for the veteran's land discount that applied to land that was transferred to the University of Alaska. This bill will allow DNR to fulfill the conditions of CSHB 134 (RES), enacted in 1991.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Alaska supports this bill to appropriate \$74,600 to give those veterans who had purchased land from the state without receiving any discounts, due to the fact the program was repealed April 1, 1983 and the new program did not go into effect until July 6, 1984.

I would appreciate your support in resolving this long standing veterans issue.

Yours in Comradeship,

Larry G. Patch  
Commander

cc: Eldon Mulder



**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Senator Loren Leman  
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee

**FROM:** Representative Eldon Mulder *Eldon*

**SUBJ:** Hearing of CSHB 59 (MLV)

**DATE:** April 16, 1993

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I respectfully request that the House State Affairs Committee hear CSHB 59 (MLV) at its earliest convenience. I have included the latest copy of the bill, fiscal note, a letter of support from DNR and other pertinent information. If you have any questions, please contact my aide, Howard Joyce, at 3889. Thank you.

**CSHB 59 (MLV)**  
**SPONSOR STATEMENT**

**OVERVIEW**

In 1978, the Land Discount Program was created by the Tenth Legislature. This program granted eligible persons a discount on the purchase price of land sold for residential use. The discount amounted to a rate of five percent of the price of the land for each full year that the purchaser had been a resident of the state. The discount was limited to 50% or \$25,000, whichever was less. To be eligible, a person must have been physically present in the state for at least 12 months.

This program was amended in 1979 to increase the discount for eligible veterans. Under the amended program, a veteran could receive a discount which was limited to 75% or \$37,500, whichever was less.

In *Gilman v. Martin*, 62 P. 2d 120 (Alaska 1983), the Alaska Supreme Court considered the granting of a land discount by a municipal ordinance based on the applicant's length of residence. Applying the decision from *Zobel v. Williams*, 457 U.S. 55 102 S.Ct. 2309, 72 L.Ed.2d 672 (1982), the court ruled that the municipal ordinance was unconstitutional as it violated the equal protection clauses of the U.S. and Alaska Constitutions. The decision was published on April 1, 1983.

The state land discount program had not been examined in *Gilman v. Martin*, but considering its comparability to the municipal ordinance in question, the Department of Natural Resources stopped the implementation of the state land discount program. Subsequently, during the First Session of the Thirteenth Legislature, the land discount program (AS 38.05.058) was eliminated effective July 16, 1983.

The Second Session of the Thirteenth Legislature established the current veterans' land discount benefit, AS 38.05.940, effective July 6, 1984. This benefit program differed from the original in two major ways. One, an eligible veteran purchasing state land under this program was entitled to a flat 25% discount. Two, an eligible veteran is not allowed to use this discount toward the purchase of land offered under a restricted sale under AS 38.05.067 (the previous program allowed this).

A problem lied with veterans who had purchased land from the state between April 1, 1983 and July 6, 1984. These veterans had not been granted any discount at all, due to the fact that the program was not being implemented from April 1, 1983, was repealed on July 16, 1983 and the new program did not go into effect until July 6, 1984.

In an effort to correct this inequity, the Sixteenth Legislature passed CSHB 134(RES) which made the current veterans land benefit effective retroactively to April 1, 1983, when DNR stopped the implementation of the former discount program. CSHB 134(RES) did not contain any appropriation language, in effect it only authorized the payment of discounts to affected veterans. This allowed the DNR to credit the accounts of those veterans who were still making payments, but did not allow DNR to pay refunds to any veterans who had paid their land off prior to this legislation. House Bill 176, introduced in the Seventeenth Legislature, contained the appropriation for the Veterans Land Discounts that would allow the payment of these refunds. This legislation passed the House and was referred to the Senate, where it passed the Senate Resources and Finance Committees. HB 176 died in the Senate Rules Committee when the Seventeenth Legislature adjourned.

#### **WHAT HOUSE BILL 59 DOES**

House Bill 59 makes a special appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources for refunds to veterans who purchased state land between April 1, 1983 and July 6, 1984. It also reimburses the University of Alaska for veterans' land discounts that applied to land that was transferred to the university as the result of a lawsuit settlement with the state. In this settlement, the state transferred land and land sale contracts of equal value to the university. Some of these transfers were affected by the discount and therefore the university did not receive the full amount of the contract value granted under the terms of the settlement. This bill would allow DNR to pay the university to make them whole and refund veterans who have paid their contracts in full, fulfilling the conditions of CSHB 134 (RES), enacted in 1991.

The Department of Natural Resources has expressed their support for HB 59 with some suggested technical amendments (Amendments were made in the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs).

# TIMELINE OF VETERANS' LAND DISCOUNT PROGRAM

<b>JULY, 1978</b>	Land Discount Program created by Tenth Legislature
<b>JULY, 1979</b>	Land Discount Program amended to increase maximum discount for eligible veterans to 75% or \$37, 500
<b>APRIL 1, 1983</b>	Gilman v. Martin decision. DNR stops the implementation of Land Discount Program
<b>JULY 16, 1983</b>	13th Legislature repeals AS 38.05.058, eliminating Land Discount Program
<b>JULY 6, 1984</b>	13th Legislature establishes current Veterans Land Discount Benefit (AS 38.05.940)
<b>JULY 28, 1991</b>	16th Legislature passes HB 176, making the Veterans Land Discount Benefit effective retroactively to April 1, 1983.

***Veterans who purchased land during this period did not receive discounts and are affected by HB 59***

# STATE OF ALASKA

WALTER J. HICKEL, GOVERNOR

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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March 22, 1993

The Honorable Al Vezey  
Alaska House of Representatives  
Room 102, State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Subject: House Bill 59, Veterans' Land Discount Refund

Dear Representative Vezey:

I understand that at the House State Affairs Committee meeting on March 16, 1993 there were a number of questions raised concerning HB 59 (Veterans' Land Discount Refund). Therefore, I have prepared this letter which I hope will answer the questions posed at the hearing last week. Furthermore, I attach for your information a Fact Sheet used by the department to explain the program.

The committee requested additional information on how the department has administered Chapter 82, SLA 1991. The following is a summary report on the applications DNR received and how monies have been applied to those accounts that were approved. A detailed spread sheet, which was provided to the committee previously, is attached again for your information.

### Applications:

Approved	36
Denied	6
Pending	0
Total Applications Received	42

### Financial Status:

Total amount approved (non-university)	\$ 75,761.99
Total amount approved (university)	\$ 49,925.00
Total amount approved	\$125,686.99

Total in excess of credits - refund due:	\$ 24,605.13
Total University reimbursement	\$ 49,925.00
Total funds needed	\$ 74,530.13

In applying the discounts, all contracts had to be current before the discount was granted. If the contract was in default or had been foreclosed by the state or the university no discount was given. However, in the case of ADL 216514, the application of the discount is currently in dispute between Mr. Vail and DNR.

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The money due the university was the result of a lawsuit settlement commonly referred to as "uni/muni". This case came about when the state transferred land to the Municipality of Anchorage to fulfill an obligation created by the Municipal Land Act of 1978. In the settlement the state transferred land and land sale contracts of equal value to the university. Given the application of the veterans' discount program, enacted by the legislature in 1991, the university did not receive what it was entitled to with respect to the land sale contracts it was granted under the terms of the uni/muni settlement. Thus, the money in HB 59 is simply to make the university whole.

With respect to the accuracy of the information provided to the committee, all of the figures were computed to exact amounts. The formula for computing veteran land sale discounts is:

$$\text{Appraised Price} - \text{Nonallowable Costs} \times 25\% = \text{Discount Amount}$$

The reason some figures are "round" is that those contracts did not involve any non-allowable survey costs. The appraised price is typically a "round" number so the application of the 25 percent discount results in a "round" number. Many university parcels, in particular, compute out evenly because many of the university parcels were lots near Lake Louise which were previously surveyed by the federal government and thus the state had no survey costs associated with them. For your information, the contracts owned by the university are those denoted on the attached spread sheet by a "U" in the narrow column between the columns entitled "Total Discount Amount" and "Univ".

To further assist you and the committee in interpreting the spread sheet which we have provided, the discount amount is always listed in the column entitled "Total Discount Amount". In addition, this figure is listed again in another column depending on the status of the contract. If the contract is completely paid off, then the veteran is due a refund which is reflected in the column entitled "Excess Credit (Refund)". In the event the contract is held by the university, the veteran will either receive the discount directly from DNR or by way of the university, depending on how the money is appropriated by the legislature. But in either case, the veteran will ultimately receive the funds.

If the contract is still active, then the contract principal will be reduced, and in the cases where the contract is held by the university the university is due to be reimbursed pursuant to the uni/muni settlement.

Finally, to my knowledge all of the contracts assumed by the university have been paid in full or are current, and thus none of the land sale contracts received by the university have been

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foreclosed upon. In any event, the State has already transferred title to the lands in question to the university, subject to the encumbrance of the land sale contracts. These transfers took place in 1988 as part of the university/municipality settlement.

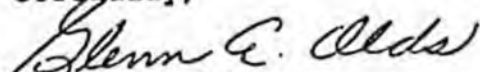
The university, therefore, is already in title to these properties and the veterans' discounts have been applied to the contracts encumbering the properties. Accordingly, reimbursements for the veterans' discounts should be paid directly to the university. Should the university subsequently foreclose on one of these contracts, the discount should not be revoked.

The State transferred these contracts to the university as part of the lawsuit settlement referenced above. Compensation to the university was based on the outstanding principal value of the contracts, not the value of the land encumbered. If the State had applied the discounts in 1983-84, when the contracts were executed, these veterans' contract values would have been smaller at the time of the 1988 settlement, and the university would have therefore received other land or contract compensation in order to replace the total value of the municipal lands lost.

I hope this information is helpful to the committee. The department supports passage of HB 59 as a means of assuring fair and equitable treatment of all veterans in terms of the discount program.

I appreciate your scheduling of the bill for the committee's consideration. My Special Assistant, Raga Elim, will attend the committee meeting on Tuesday, March 23, in order to answer any additional questions the committee may have. Please let me know if you need any additional information before the committee meeting.

Cordially,

  
Glenn A. Olds  
Commissioner

cc: House State Affairs Committee Members  
Representative Eldon Mulder  
Martin Epstein, Director of Land Management,  
University of Alaska  
Kris Lethin, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Governor  
Ron Swanson, Director, Division of Land

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AC	NAME	DATE	STATUS	APPROVAL DATE	CREDIT APPLIED	CESS CREDIT (REFUND)	TOTAL DISCOUNT AMOUNT	UNIV	COMMENTS
216600	Stallford, Bruce	11-Jul-91	Approved	30-Sep-91			8000.00	U	6000.00 Was subj to default
216634	Johnson, Bernard	18-Jul-91	Approved	24-Jul-91	0.00	5050.00	5050.00		
216514	Vail, Mark A.	29-Jul-91	Approved	29-Aug-91			2575.00		Discount used to bring current
218568	Allison, Danny R.	02-Aug-91	Approved	22-Aug-91	730.00	0.00	730.00		
216556	Brown, Delon A.	07-Aug-91	Approved	22-Aug-91	0.00	803.00	803.00		
216739	Musgrove, John W.	07-Aug-91	Approved	22-Aug-91	0.00	3160.99	3160.99		
216593	Malette, David J.	20-Aug-91	Approved	30-Sep-91	0.00	6125.00	6125.00	U	
103704	Gross, Harvey B.	21-Aug-91	Approved	22-Aug-91	4141.40	0.00	4141.40		
216586	Sisson, Glen S.	28-Aug-91	Approved	30-Sep-91			6625.00	U	6525.00 Was subj to default
410017	Wilcox, Theodore C.	04-Sep-91	Approved	16-Sep-91	1711.23	0.00	1711.23		Was subj to default
103670	Lewis, James F.	15-Oct-91	Approved	13-Nov-91	3276.79	0.00	3276.79		
204463	Richardson, Wilham	01-Oct-91	Approved	8-Nov-91	840.72	0.00	840.72		Was subj to default
410330	Weaver, Clay J.	06-Sep-91	Denied	26-Sep-91					
410332	Keltner, Tom R.	06-Sep-91	Denied	26-Sep-91					
216574	Unsderfer, Hayden A.	09-Sep-91	Approved	16-Sep-91	1702.50	0.00	1702.50		
103569	Carpenter, George R.	11-Sep-91	Approved	20-Sep-91	7034.05	0.00	7034.05		
216625	Umlauf, Paul	12-Sep-91	Approved	30-Sep-91			5750.00	U	5750.00
103582	Nordmark, William D.	23-Sep-91	Approved	25-Sep-91	7227.61	0.00	7227.61		
103894	Lockhart, Greg	27-Sep-91	Denied	9-Oct-91					
103891	Ballantine, George	30-Sep-91	Approved	25-Nov-91	2336.24	0.00	2336.24		Was subj to default & on MH Land
206761	Christie, Chris	09-Oct-91	Approved	11-Oct-91	2025.00	0.00	2025.00		
216589	Hartley, Robert G.	08-Oct-91	Approved	8-Nov-91			6750.00	U	6750.00 Was subj to default
410333	Cool, Jack G.	10-Oct-91	Denied	15-Oct-91					
103543	Novy, Michael E.	10-Oct-91	Approved	24-Oct-91	1354.88	0.00	1354.88		
103565	McFarland, James	21-Oct-91	Approved	13-Nov-91	0.00	6534.57	6534.57		
408086	Ambuehl, Fred	24-Oct-91	Approved	3-Dec-91	573.46	0.00	523.46		
216630	Mundy, Wayne	01-Nov-91	Approved	22-Nov-91			5750.00	U	5750.00 Was subj to default
270912	Davis, Gordon	04-Nov-91	Denied	21-Nov-91					
216511	Orman, Brian G.	07-Nov-91	Approved	22-Nov-91	7045.91	0.00	7045.91		
216511	Hay, Marcus	12-Nov-91	Approved	19-Dec-91			10250.00	U	6050.00 Was subj to default
409826	Robinson, Benjamin P.	02-Jan-92	Approved	11-Mar-92	0.00	545.88	545.88	U	
406419	Holland, Bernard G.	09-Jan-92	Approved	29-Jan-92	948.75	0.00	948.75		Was subj to default

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	DATE		CREDIT	EXCESS	TOTAL			
	APLN	APPROVAL	APPLIED	CREDIT	DISCOUNT			
NAME	RECD	STATUS	DATE	TO ACCT	(REFUND)	AMOUNT	UNIV	COMMENTS
601 Schwochen, In E.	17-Jan-92	Approved	6-Mar-92			7000.00	U 7000.00	Was subj to default
710 Schweizer, Jeffrey L.	22-Jan-92	Approved	29-Jan-92	744.86	0.00	744.86		Was subj to default
874 Franks, Dennis W.	05-Feb-92	Denied	25-Feb-92					See ADL 406830
726 Soderstrom, Gary	13-Feb-92	Approved	2-Mar-92	0.00	1060.38	1060.38		
706 Stokes, Richard L.	07-Feb-92	Approved	25-Feb-92	3719.29	0.00	3719.29		Received by Assgn - Was orig owner
8547 HNs, Donald G.	31-Mar-92	Approved	8-Apr-92	0.00	1208.53	1208.53		
8864 Mallett, Eric S.	09-Apr-92	Approved	15-Apr-92	0.00	116.78	116.78		
5585 Kern, Edward D.	09-Apr-92	Approved	15-Apr-92	1071.02	0.00	1071.02		Was subj to default
9935 Plaskett, David C.	11-May-92	Approved	12-May-92	1749.39	0.00	1749.39		Was subj to default
6539 Flaharty, Richard R.	22-May-92	Approved	10-Jun-92	398.76	0.00	398.76		Was subj to default
				48581.86	24605.13	125686.99	49925.00	

## Fact sheet:

# Veterans' Retroactive Land Discount



Alaska Department of  
**NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

Division of Land • November, 1991

### Background

The 1979 Alaska legislature created a residency discount program for state land sales. That program gave Alaskan residents a 5 percent discount for every year they had lived in the state, up to 50 percent of the land sale price or \$25,000, whichever was less. Veterans could get an additional discount if they had lived in the state more than ten years. The total discount for veterans could equal 75 percent or \$37,500, whichever was less.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough adopted a similar land discount program, which was challenged in court and found to be unconstitutional. On advice from the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Natural Resources discontinued the state's land discount program on April 1, 1983.

The Veterans' Land Discount program, created by the legislature the following year, went into effect on July 6, 1984. This law, AS 38.05.940, allows an eligible veteran to receive a 25 percent discount on the purchase of state land.

The 1991 legislature recognized that there was a period between the two programs when there was no land discount for veterans. In order to put all veterans who purchased state land on equal footing, it passed HB 134 (Ch 82, SLA 1991). That law allows eligible veterans who purchased state land during the period between the two discount programs to retroactively receive the veterans' land discount established in 1984.

### Who qualifies under this program?

First, you must be a qualified military  
who purchased state land for

other than commercial or industrial use after March 31, 1983 and before July 6, 1984. You must not have received a land residency or other veteran's land discount either directly or by assignment. You are not eligible if you have relinquished your state land sale contract or it has been foreclosed upon.

At the time you purchased the land you must have been:

- a) a state resident for at least one year;
- b) previously on active duty for at least 90 days, unless tenure was shortened due to disability or early overseas separation and;
- c) honorably discharged from military service or have a general discharge under honorable circumstances.

### Can I get the discount if I obtained the land by assignment?

No. This discount only applies to the original purchaser.

### When can I apply?

You must submit a completed application together with a document showing the character of your discharge and the length of your active duty (for example, a "DD 214" form) by June 27, 1992 to:

*Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Land  
Contract Administration Unit  
P.O. Box 107005  
3601 C. St. Suite 1030  
Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7005  
Attn: Ginger Gallus or Art Goldberg*

**What happens after I apply?**

Your application will be processed, and the Department of Natural Resources will tell you if you qualify. Your notice from the department will tell you how this will affect the status of your account.

**What if I don't owe any more money on my contract?**

If you owe less than the amount of the discount, you may be entitled to a refund. However, the legislature did not fund the law, and any refund is dependent on a future appropriation by the legislature.

**My contract was transferred to the University of Alaska. Am I still eligible?**

Yes. The law states that the University will provide credit to those persons who qualify for it. Your application should still be sent to the Department of Natural Resources' office listed above for processing. However, the law also states that the Department of Natural Resources will reimburse the University, but the legislature provided no funds to do so. These discounts will be delayed until funding is provided.

**Where can I get more information?**

Applications are available at the Division of Land's regional offices listed below. If you need further information, contact Ginger Gallus at 762-2235 or Art Goldberg at 762-2237. Both Ginger and Art are located in Anchorage at the address listed above.

*Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Land*

*Southcentral Regional Office  
3601 C Street, Suite 1034  
P.O. Box 107005  
Anchorage, AK 99510-7005  
(907) 762-2492  
Fax: 561-0221*

*Mat-Su Area Office  
Cottonwood Creek Center  
1830 E. Parks Highway, Suite 116A  
Wasilla, Alaska 99687-9006  
(907) 376-4595  
Fax: 376-1612*

*Southeast Regional Office  
400 Willoughby Avenue, 4th Floor  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 465-3400  
Fax: 586-2954*

*Northern Regional Office  
3700 Airport Way  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
(907) 451-2700  
Fax: 451-2751*

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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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January 29, 1993

The Honorable Richard Foster, Chair  
House Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Foster:

Subject: HB 59, Appropriation bill for veterans' discount.

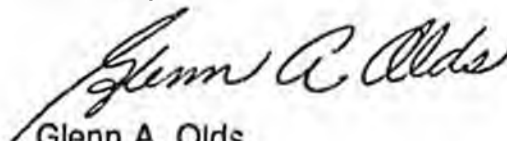
The Department of Natural Resources supports this bill. HB 134, enacted in 1991, allowed eligible veterans who were not permitted to claim a veteran's land discount between April 1, 1983 and July 6, 1984 to retroactively claim that discount. Veterans purchasing state land had been denied the discount during the period between the court's invalidation of the old discount law and the enactment of a new discount law.

According to the terms of HB 134, the department credited the veteran's discount against the remaining amount owed on the land. However, in cases where the land contract is paid off we are required to issue a refund to the veteran for the discount amount. We are also required to reimburse the University of Alaska for discounts credited to University land. No funds have yet been appropriated for these purposes. Attached is a status report on HB 134 discounts that have been approved. The opportunity to apply for a veterans' discount expired on June 27, 1992.

This bill would allow the department to fulfill the conditions of HB 134, enacted in 1991. The exact refund amounts are attached and match the requested appropriation.

Technical amendments are proposed on lines 9 and 10 to clarify that the opportunity to apply for a discount has expired. On line 9 change qualify to qualified and on line 10 delete "may" and change apply to applied.

Cordially,



Glenn A. Olds  
Commissioner

enclosure

cc: Ron Swanson, Director, Division of Land  
Janet Burleson, Division of Land

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ADL #	NAME	DATE APLN RECD	STATUS	APPROVAL DATE	CREDIT APPLIED TO ACCT	EXCESS CREDIT (REFUND)	TOTAL DISCOUNT AMOUNT	UNIV	COMMENTS
218600	Stefford, Bruce	11-Jul-91	Approved	30-Sep-91			8000.00	U	8000.00 Was subj to default
218634	Johnson, Bernard	18-Jul-91	Approved	24-Jul-91	0.00	5050.00	5050.00		
216514	Vall, Mark A.	29-Jul-91	Approved	29-Aug-91			2575.00		Discount used to bring current
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103565	McFarland, James	21-Oct-91	Approved	13-Nov-91	0.00	6534.57	6534.57		
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216630	Mundy, Wayne	01-Nov-91	Approved	22-Nov-91			5750.00	U	5750.00 Was subj to default
220912	Davis, Gordon	04-Nov-91	Denied	21-Nov-91					
103584	Cotman, Brian G.	21-Nov-91	Approved	22-Nov-91	7045.91	0.00	7045.91		
216642	Okuley, Marcus	12-Dec-91	Approved	19-Dec-91			10050.00	U	10050.00 Was subj to default
109826	Robinson, Benjamin P.	02-Jan-92	Approved	11-Mar-92	0.00	545.88	545.88	U	
106419	Holland, Bernard G.	09-Jan-92	Approved	29-Jan-92	948.75	0.00	948.75		Was subj to default

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ADL #	NAME	DATE APLN RECD	STATUS	APPROVAL DATE	CREDIT APPLIED TO ACCT	EXCESS CREDIT (REFUND)	TOTAL DISCOUNT AMOUNT	UNIV	COMMENTS
218601	Schwochert, John E.	17-Jan-92	Approved	6-Mar-92			7000.00	U	7000.00 Was subj to default
103710	Schweizer, Jeffrey L.	22-Jan-92	Approved	29-Jan-92	744.86	0.00	744.86		Was subj to default
03874	Franks, Dennis W.	05-Feb-92	Denied	25-Feb-92					See ADL 406830
211726	Soderstrom, Gary	13-Feb-92	Approved	2-Mar-92	0.00	1060.38	1060.38		
10706	Stokes, Richard L.	07-Feb-92	Approved	25-Feb-92	3719.29	0.00	3719.29		Received by Assgn - Was orig owner
107347	Hillis, Donald G.	31-Mar-92	Approved	8-Apr-92	0.00	1208.53	1208.53		
215864	Mallett, Eric S.	09-Apr-92	Approved	15-Apr-92	0.00	116.78	116.78		
216585	Kern, Edward D.	09-Apr-92	Approved	15-Apr-92	1071.02	0.00	1071.02		Was subj to default
409935	Plaakett, David C.	11-May-92	Approved	12-May-92	1749.39	0.00	1749.39		Was subj to default
406539	Flaharty, Richard R.	22-May-92	Approved	10-Jun-92	398.76	0.00	398.76		Was subj to default
					48581.86	24605.13	125686.99		49925.00



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.  
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March 17, 1993

Representative Al Vezey  
Capitol Room 102  
House of Representatives  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Vezey,

House bill 59 makes a special appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources for refunds to veterans who purchased state land between April 1, 1983 and July 6, 1984. It also reimburses the University of Alaska for the veteran's land discount that applied to land that was transferred to the University of Alaska. This bill will allow DNR to fulfill the conditions of CSHB 134 (RES), enacted in 1991.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Alaska supports this bill to appropriate \$74,600 to give those veterans who had purchased land from the state without receiving any discounts, due to the fact the program was repealed April 1, 1983 and the new program did not go into effect until July 6, 1984.

I would appreciate your support in resolving this long standing veterans issue.

Yours in Comradeship,

  
Larry U. Patch  
Commander

cc: Eldon Mulder

# FISCAL NOTE

## STATE OF ALASKA 1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 59

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Affected: Natural Resources  
 Title: "Making a special appropriation for refunds to the Veteran's Land Discount" BRU: Resource Management  
 Components: Land Management  
 Sponsor: House Military and Veterans  
 Requestor: House Military and Veterans Component Serial No. 431

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND&STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REVENUE fund source:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1006 GF/MHTIA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PART-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TEMPORARY	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of current year (FY93) impact: \$ No fiscal impact anticipated

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Attached

Prepared by: Ron Swanson Phone: 762-2692  
 Division: Land Management Date: 27-Jan-93  
 Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds *for [Signature]* Date: 1/29/93  
 Agency: Department of Natural Resources

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Department of Natural Resources

Bill Analysis on HB 59

HB 134 enacted in 1991 allowed eligible veterans who were not permitted to claim a veteran's land discount between April 1, 1983 and July 6, 1984 to retroactively claim that discount. Veterans purchasing state land had been denied the discount during the period between the court's invalidation of the old discount law and the enactment of a new discount law. According to the terms of HB 134, the department credited the veteran's discount against the remaining amount owed on the land. However, in cases where the land contract is paid off we are required to issue a refund to the veteran for the discount amount. We are also required to reimburse the University of Alaska for discounts credited to University land. No funds have yet been appropriated for these purposes. Attached is a status report on HB 134 discounts that have been approved. The opportunity to apply for a veterans' discount expired on June 27, 1992. This bill would allow the department to fulfill the conditions of HB 134, enacted in 1991. The exact refund amounts are attached and match the requested appropriation.