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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/16/00

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Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 331(MLV)
RELEASE OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANT

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to the _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
 same title
 new title
House Bill:
 same title
 technical title
 new: SCR# _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER/RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

MVA	1/3/00	✓	

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

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FISCAL NOTE

No: 2

Bill Version: CSHB 331 (MLV)
Bill (H) Publish Date: 3/3/00

STATE OF ALASKA 2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: 01-Mar-00 Dept Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs
Title: An Act relating to compensation of members BRU: Alaska National Guard
of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia ... Component: Office of the Commissioner
Sponsor: Rules Committee
Requestor: (H) MLV Component No. #414

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)
Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS & CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES (fund code)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: \$ n/a

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)

This bill simplifies the method of calculating pay and allowances for members of the National Guard and Naval Militia. There is no fiscal impact but administrative workload will be reduced in the event the National Guard is called onto Active Duty to respond to a state disaster or emergency. In addition, Guard and Naval Militia members will be paid more timely and accurately than in the past with this change.

This bill also clarifies the status of the Alaska State Defense Force when called to State Active duty. The department will pay to ASDF when called to active duty in accordance with state pay scales (level of work performed) but will recognize that the ASDF is subject to the ASDF command structure and discipline.

Prepared by: Carol B. Carroll *Carol B. Carroll* Phone: 465-4730
Division: Administrative Services Date: 01-Mar-00
Approved by Commissioner: Phillip Oates *Phillip Oates* Date: 01-Mar-00
Agency: Military & Veterans Affairs

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

April 17, 2000

The Honorable John Torgerson, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Senate
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Torgerson:

The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs requests that the Committee schedule the following bill for a hearing. This bill is very important to the active members of the National Guard, Naval Militia and the Alaska State Defense Force.

CSHB 331 (MLV) "An act relating to compensation of members of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia in active service", changing the name of the Alaska State Militia to the Alaska State Defense Force: relating to compensation and work status for members of the Alaska State Defense Force"

This bill proposes three changes to existing law. First, the bill would streamline the process for paying members of the Guard and Naval Militia when called to active duty ensuring timely and accurate pay for the soldiers. The bill has the approval of the National Guard Officers and Enlisted Associations.


Second, it changes the name of the Alaska State Militia to the Alaska State Defense Force the name commonly used to refer to this volunteer force.

And finally, it clarifies the status of the Alaska State Defense Force when called to state active duty ensuring that the Defense Force has Title 26 job protection and is subject to Military Command and Discipline. This section is strongly supported by the members of the Alaska State Defense Force.

SB 237 and SB 238, which you have in your committee, are companion bills to HB 331. They were combined in the House and the name of the Alaska State Militia changed to the Alaska State Defense Force.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have questions, please contact Carol Carroll at 465-4730.

Sincerely,



Philip Gates, Commissioner

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Briefing Paper
HB 331 (MLV): Compensation of National Guard, Naval
Militia and Alaska State Defense Force
Prepared By
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
April 14, 2000

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Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
HB 331 (MLV)
Statement of Intent of Bill

HB 331 "An Act relating to compensation of members of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia in active service; changing the name of the Alaska State Militia to the Alaska State Defense Force; relating to compensation and work status for member of the Alaska State Defense Force; and providing for an effective date".

Purpose

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is proposing three changes to current law in order to streamline certain functions, clarify the method of paying the Alaska State Defense Force, and change the name of the Alaska State Militia to the Alaska State Defense Force.

Background

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is composed of three separate organizations. First, the State portion of the Department made up of the Commissioner's Office, Administration, Emergency Services, Facilities Management, and the Alaska Military Youth Academy; second, the federal portion of the department is made up of the Air and Army National Guard and Naval Militia; and third, the Alaska State Militia (commonly known as the Alaska State Defense Force). The collective name in statute for the second and third elements above is the Organized Militia.

Sectional Analysis

Sections 1-4 and Section 11 simply change in statute the name of the Alaska State Militia to the more commonly used Alaska State Defense Force.

Section 5 changes the method of calculating pay for the members of the National Guard and Naval Militia when they are called to State Active Duty. State Active Duty results from a call by the Governor for assistance during a search and rescue or a disaster. These individuals work for the federal government, Department of Defense either on a full or part-time basis. When on State Active Duty, they are paid in accordance with the Department of Defense pay

scales. This includes a daily base pay amount for each grade based on the number of years in that grade and allowances such as separate rations, housing, cost of living and flight status.

The department employs one individual who is responsible for calculating State Active Duty pay when the Governor calls on the Guard or Naval Militia to respond to a state crisis. The system is manual, complicated and subject to delay and error.

This section would simplify the procedure by eliminating allowances and replacing them with a 200% of minimum daily basic pay calculation. This would significantly reduce the number of calculations required. 200% was determined to reach approximately the same level of pay for the majority of individuals who would be called to State Active Duty. This change has been coordinated with the Officer and Enlisted Associations for the National Guard.

Section 6 is a conforming section to ensure that the changes later in the bill are noted when determining coverage under Workers Compensation.

Section 7 is also a conforming section similiar to Section 6.

Section 8 is a conforming section to ensure that Workers Compensation benefits are calculated using the changes in pay calculations for the Guard, Naval Militia and Alaska State Defense Force made in other sections of the bill.

Section 9 replaces the term Organized Militia with the groups that make up the Organized Militia for clarification purposes.

Section 10 clarifies in statute the method of paying the Alaska State Defense Force when called to State Active Duty. This group is made up of individuals who are volunteers until called to active duty to respond to a search and rescue or disaster. Each have other jobs but do not work for the Department of Defense. They are not members of the National Guard or Naval Militia.

In the past the department paid these individuals as if they were members of the Guard or Naval Militia. The Attorney General's Office advised that DMVA was paying the

Alaska State Defense Force incorrectly. This bill would establish a statutory basis for payment for services. It would pay as if the members were state employees, using the state pay schedule but recognize that the members are under a military command and discipline structure. This change will also ensure Alaska State Defense Force members retain AS 26 job protection when on State Active Duty.

Section 11 was mentioned in Section 1 above.

Section 12 is the effective date.

Daily Rate with SBS

Sal. Sched. AA

8 Hour Shift

	RANGE 8			RANGE 10			RANGE 12		
	Base Rate	Swing	Grave	Base Rate	Swing	Grave	Base Rate	Swing	Grave
Hourly Rate	\$ 11.33	\$ 11.66	\$ 12.02	\$ 12.74	\$ 13.15	\$ 13.58	\$ 14.39	\$ 14.82	\$ 15.33
Daily Rate	\$ 96.20	\$ 99.00	\$ 102.05	\$ 108.17	\$ 111.65	\$ 115.30	\$ 122.18	\$ 125.83	\$ 130.16

Daily Rate without SBS

Sal. Sched. AA

8 Hour Shift

	RANGE 8			RANGE 10			RANGE 12		
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Hourly Rate	\$ 11.33	\$ 11.66	\$ 12.02	\$ 12.74	\$ 13.15	\$ 13.58	\$ 14.39	\$ 14.82	\$ 15.33
Daily Rate	\$ 90.64	\$ 93.28	\$ 96.16	\$ 101.92	\$ 105.20	\$ 108.64	\$ 115.12	\$ 118.56	\$ 122.64
Daily Savings	\$ 5.56	\$ 5.72	\$ 5.89	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.45	\$ 6.66	\$ 7.06	\$ 7.27	\$ 7.52

SAD DUTY PAY AND ALLOWANCE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

<u>RANK AND YEARS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>DAILY PAY AMOUNT CURRENT METHOD*</u>	<u>DAILY PAY AMOUNT PROPOSED FORMULA</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Colonel - 20	\$277.45	\$270.74	-\$6.71
Lt Colonel - 18	\$251.52	\$216.56	-\$34.96
Major - 14	\$216.64	\$182.52	-\$34.96
Captain - 8	\$182.95	\$169.60	-\$34.12
1st Lt - 4	\$152.93	\$147.92	-\$13.35
2nd Lt - 2	\$114.44	\$128.42	-\$5.01
Warrant Officer 5 - 20	\$214.10	\$294.92	\$80.82
Warrant Officer 4 - 18	\$192.04	\$172.80	-\$19.24
Warrant Officer 3 - 12	\$162.93	\$157.06	-\$5.87
Warrant Officer 2 - 8	\$141.31	\$137.56	-\$3.75
Warrant Officer 1 - 4	\$122.55	\$114.60	-\$7.95
<u>Air Force/Army Enlisted</u>			
CMSgt/Sgt Maj - 20	\$178.05	\$201.02	\$22.97
SMSgt/1st Sgt - 18	\$157.73	\$168.56	\$10.83
MSgt/Sgt First Class - 14	\$139.05	\$117.72	-\$21.33
TSgt/SSgt - 10	\$121.36	\$105.30 (State Minmum)	-\$16.06
SSgt/Sgt - 0 thru 20	\$105.30 (State Minimum)	\$105.30 (State Minmum)	\$0.00
SRA/Spec - 0 thru 20	\$105.30 (State Minimum)	\$105.30 (State Minmum)	\$0.00
A1C/Pvt 1st Class - 0 thru 20	\$105.30 (State Minimum)	\$105.30 (State Minmum)	\$0.00
Amn/Pvt 2nd Class - 0-20	\$105.30 (State Minimum)	\$105.30 (State Minmum)	\$0.00
AB/Pvt - 0 thru 20	\$105.30 (State Minimum)	\$105.30 (State Minmum)	\$0.00

Note 1: Includes base pay, housing , COLA, Separate rations

Note 2: Calculated at with dependents housing rate and one dependent COLA rate

Note 3: Does not include other additional special pay for pilots and aircrew members

Note 4: If total pay and allowance is less than the State Daily Minimum (\$105.30) the member receives the State Daily Minimum amount.

LT Colonel - Lieutenant Colonel	1st Lt - First Lieulantant	2nd Lt - Second Lieulantant	CMSgt - Chief Master Sergeant
Sgt Maj - Sergeant Major	SMSgt - Senior Master Sergeant	1st Sgt - First Sergeant	MSgt - Master Sergeant
Sgt First Class - Sergeant First Class	TSgt - Technical Sergeant	SSgt - Staff Sergeant	Sgt - Sergeant
SRA - Senior Airman	Spec - Specialist	A1C - Airman First Class	Pvt 1st Class - Private 1st Class
Amn - Airman	Pvt 2nd Class - Private 2nd Class	AB - Airman Basic	Pvt - Private

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February 1, 2000

The Honorable Brian Porter
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Porter:

When members of the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia are called to active service for the state, it's important they be adequately compensated for their valuable work in a timely manner. To that end, this bill simplifies the pay scale and system for the Alaska National Guard (ANG) and Alaska Naval Militia (NM).

Currently, when called to state active duty, members of the ANG and NM receive pay and allowances equal to those provided by federal law for members of equivalent grades of the United States armed forces. Daily minimum pay is determined by grade and years of service with a statutory minimum. Allowances include food, housing, cost-of-living increase, and quarters and are determined based on the circumstances of each individual.

Calculating pay and allowances under the current law requires obtaining information from the federal government regarding current pay scales and allowance amounts. This can cause significant delays in payment of ANG and NM members. It is also a labor-intensive system involving numerous manual calculations with an unreasonable chance for errors.


This bill simplifies the pay system for state active duty by retaining statutory minimum pay, disregarding years of service, and eliminating allowances. Members will simply receive 200 percent of the minimum basic pay for a member of an equivalent grade in the active military -- or the statutory minimum, if greater. Simplifying the calculation will save administrative time and will result in members of the ANG and NM receiving their checks in a more timely fashion.

The Honorable Brian Porter
February 1, 2000
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The bill also provides that this proposed new pay scale will be used to calculate workers' compensation and death benefits for the organized militia, which includes the Alaska State Militia as well as the ANG and NM.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,



Tony Knowles
Governor



Teleconference Participants

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