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To: Representative Mike Chenault, Chairman, Military and Veterans Affairs

From: Representative Lisa Murkowski

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Date: February 1, 2002

Re: HB 305

Please schedule House Bill 305 "An Act prohibiting certain state employment, a student loan, or a permanent fund dividend for a person who fails to register for the military selective service; and providing for an effective date" for a hearing in the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs as soon as possible.

Included with the request is:

- 1) HB 305
- 2) Sponsor Statement
- 3) Letters of Support
- 4) Informational Testimony

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sponsor Statement

HB 305

"An Act prohibiting certain state employment, a student loan, or a permanent fund dividend for a person who fails to register for the military selective service; and providing for an affective date."

In an effort to encourage military selective service registration for all eligible persons, I have introduced HB 305. The intent of this legislation is to ensure that Alaskans are knowledgeable about the military selective service registration system and will register promptly. This is particularly timely in view of the attack on America on September 11th and the resurgence of patriotism and service to protect our freedom and way of life in our country.

HB 305 requires any United States male citizen who is between the ages of 18 and 26 to comply with the federal selective service registration requirements, if applicable, when applying to receive:

- Certain state employment
- An Alaska student loan
- A permanent fund dividend

Failure to timely register within 30 days of turning 18 will result in ineligibility for the above state benefits. Federal law already requires military selective service registration, with consequences for not registering. A male U.S. citizen, who is 18 and meets the requirements of 50 U.S.C. App. 453 and has not registered for the selective service, is subject to a fine of \$250,000 and up to five years in prison. Registration is also a requirement to qualify for federal student aid, job training benefits and most federal employment. The US Immigration and Naturalization Service makes registration with the selective service a condition for US citizenship if the man first arrived in the U.S. before his 26th birthday. Twenty-eight other states have or are considering legislation which attaches conditions of service for eligibility for certain programs and state benefits. With this legislation, Alaska will join those other states in ensuring compliance with the federal registration requirements.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB 305
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
 Title Noncompliance BRU Revenue Operations
with Selective Service Component Permanent Fund Dividend
 Sponsor Rep. Murkowski
 Requester Military and Veteran Affairs Component No. 981

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
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						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal: ☐

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill amends the eligibility section of the Permanent Fund Dividend statutes by adding a section requiring that an individual who is required to register with the Selective Service System be in compliance during the qualifying year in order to be determined eligible for the dividend.

We do not expect this bill to have a fiscal effect on the operations of the Permanent Fund dividend program.

See Page 2 for further discussion.

Prepared by: Nanci A. Jones
 Division: Permanent Fund Dividend
 Approved by: Larry Persily, Deputy Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Revenue

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HB 305
Department of Revenue

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However, we do expect that this legislation will increase the number of eligibility determinations that go into review and appeal, as we expect a fair number of applicants will be denied each year for failure to register with Selective Service -- particularly in the first year of the new law. Young Alaska men in 1999 and 2000 averaged 86.5% compliance with Selective Service registration.

The bill carries a January 1, 2003 effective date, which would mean applicants for the October 2003 dividend would be judged on their compliance with Selective Service registration in 2002 -- and we would expect that some applicants would be caught unaware of the new dividend eligibility rule until they were denied and it was too late to remedy the omission. (The new rule would be printed in the January 2003 application booklet.)

We also expect that an unknown number of applicants will be initially denied each year because of failures in data matches between the Dividend Division's information and computer tapes obtained from the Selective Service System. Although such errors (data entry, human error, hard-to-read hand-written applications) occur in any data match and can be corrected, the applicants will experience delays in receiving their dividend until they have cleared up any data errors in the matches.

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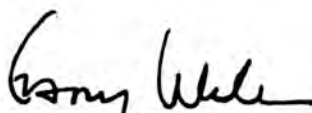
January 17, 2002

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Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs
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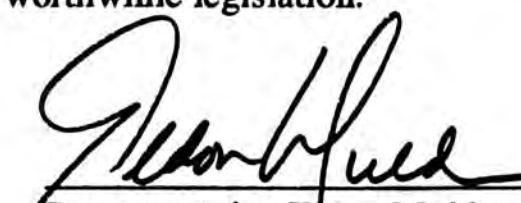
Dear Representative Murkowski:

At the November 15, 2001 meeting of the Joint Armed Services Committee, we received an informative briefing from Charles Smith, State Director of the Selective Service System for Alaska.

As you are aware, at that meeting Senator Randy Phillips moved that our committee request legislation be put forward requiring receipt of state benefits including the Permanent Fund be tied to Selective Service registration. Following lengthy discussion, the motion carried unanimously. We are pleased to lend our support to this worthwhile legislation.



Senator Gary Wilken
Co-Chairman



Representative Eldon Mulder
Co-Chairman

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

ALASKA STATE HEADQUARTERS

JUNEAU, ALASKA

REPRESENTATIVE LISA MURKOWSKI

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATOR

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE MURKOWSKI:

THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN IN SUPPORT OF YOUR
BILL CONCERNING SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION.
THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO VIEW SELECTIVE
SERVICE LEGISLATION:

FIRST, SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED OF ALL YOUNG MEN BETWEEN THE
AGES OF 18 THROUGH 25; FAILURE TO
REGISTER BEFORE AGE 26 IS A FEDERAL
CRIME, PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 5 YEARS IN
PRISON AND UP TO A \$250,000.00 FINE; ALSO,
YOUNG MEN FAILING TO REGISTER DENIES
VARIOUS BENEFITS TO THEM, SUCH AS, STUDENT
LOANS, FEDERAL GRANTS ALONG WITH FEDERAL
EMPLOYMENT INCLUDING THE POSTAL SERVICE;
FAILURE TO REGISTER ALSO PRECLUDES ALIENS
FROM BECOMING U.S. CITIZENS.

SECOND, AS DISCUSSED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE
JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, INDIVIDUALS
RECEIVING STATE BENEFITS SHOULD CONSIDER

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TO THE LAW, AS WELL AS TO PROTECT THEM
FROM THE LOSS OF FEDERAL BENEFITS.

I SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION
TO THIS MOST IMPORTANT MATTER.

IF I CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE, PLEASE
DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ON ME.

Very Truly Yours,

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CHARLES A. SMITH

State Director

To: The Senate  
From: LTC Victor Van Horn,  
SSS Detachment Commander- Alaska Army National Guard  
Educator for the Sitka School Borough  
Re: SSS Legislation

I am in full support of the legislation for the Selective Service System Bill. As an educator, I know what happens to students that don't register for the Selective Service. There are many reasons to help students register for the Selective Service: Federal financial aid, Federal employment (includes Post Office), job training benefits, and some State jobs. They will violate the Federal law- even though the SSS hasn't prosecuted anyone lately does not mean we don't need the legislation. But by helping a student to registrar, we will keep him from violating Federal law and subject to \$250,000 maximum fine, a prison term of up to five years, or a combination of both. It is hard enough to make it without putting another burden on these young kids. Our jobs as citizens, educators, and legislators are to educate them to get registered with the SSS and help make sure they don't loose valuable benefits.

As the SSS Detachment Commander, I know we are limited to three National Guard officers to make sure all students registrar. These officers work for the SSS while on National Guard duty (part time) - which means we don't have enough time to make sure registration is done throughout the entire state. We have many other tasks to complete in order to be ready when we do incorporate a draft. It is not an easy task to get registrars in all the high schools in Alaska- right now we are at 90% of the high schools have a registrar on their staff. We need 100% high school to have registrars in order to be effective, along with the SSS legislation. Each person that does not registrar, Alaska looses many potential dollars for job training and Federal employment.

Registration with the SSS is not only a law but also a duty that every citizen should not take lightly. The protection of the US and the protection of our rights are important to all of us- because we must keep this country strong. Please help us make sure everyone does his part by registering with the Selective Service. We need to make sure all individuals that must registrar do registers with the SSS in order to make sure the draft is fair and equitable for everyone.

Thank you for considering the SSS bill as a very important legislation for the State of Alaska.

  
LTC Victor Van Horn

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# Selective Service System

Region III, Denver, CO 80207

December 27, 2001

## MEMORANDUM FOR ALASKA STATE DIRECTOR AND DETACHMENT COMMANDER

FROM: REGION III DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SD/DC Conference Follow Up - Costs of Not Registering

During the SD/DC Conference conversations were discussed on how much does a state loose in federal dollars if a registrant fails to register when he turns 26.

I contacted a JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) office to determine the average cost for an individual to obtain a vocational trade, it was \$5,000.

The matrix below represents the number of registrants who turned 26 and failed to register within your state. If those individuals wanted to obtain some type of vocational trade, he would NOT receive federal dollars under the Workmen Investment Act (WIA) and consequently the state would have to expend state dollars to assist instead of getting federal assistance. This would be even more detrimental if there would be Solomon and/or Thurmond state laws.

During your next round of Driver's License legislation in your state, please use this example when you testify to your different committees. The importance of our initiative is two fold, (1) fair and equitable draft and (2) a state helping their constituents secure their future.

| STATE | Alaska | \$5,000 federal dollars<br>lost by a state when a<br>registrant fails to<br>register.<br>\$5K times total = total \$ |
|-------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1999  | 8      |                                                                                                                      |
| 2000  | 9      |                                                                                                                      |
| 2001  | 21     |                                                                                                                      |
| TOTAL | 37     | \$185,000.00                                                                                                         |

Lyle Wilkes  
COL, USA

# WHAT DOES THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM PROVIDE FOR AMERICA?

*The Selective Service System and the registration program for America's young men provide our Nation with:*

- America's only time-proven, inexpensive *defense manpower insurance policy* in a still dangerous and uncertain world, and a hedge against underestimating the number of soldiers needed to fight in a future crisis.
- A visible symbol of national resolve to America's potential adversaries.
- A link between society-at-large and today's volunteer military, demonstrating that America's young men are responsibly standing ready to serve should a national crisis demand it.
- A proven, time-tested method of conducting a military draft in a crisis that would, from the outset, be the most fair and equitable draft in our nation's history.
- A small and efficient government agency, operating at a minimum essential budget level. Recent budgets have been consistently less than the Fiscal Year 1985 budget of \$27.4 million.
- A system that can conduct a skill specific draft, should the military find itself short of personnel with critical skills in a national emergency (i.e., medical personnel).
- Maintenance of a low cost infrastructure, existing in a variety of forms since 1917, to provide America with the ability to plan and operate an emergency conscription program.

# SELECTIVE SERVICE IS IMPORTANT TO AMERICA

The Selective Service System keeps a list of people who might be called on to serve our country in a national emergency.

## YOUNG MEN MUST REGISTER -- IT'S THE LAW

Just fill in a simple registration form within 30 days of your 18th birthday. If you're a resident of the U.S. you must register, even if you're:

- from another country and not a U.S. citizen
- living in the U.S. illegally.

If you're in a hospital, prison or other institution when you turn 18, you have 30 days to register after being released.

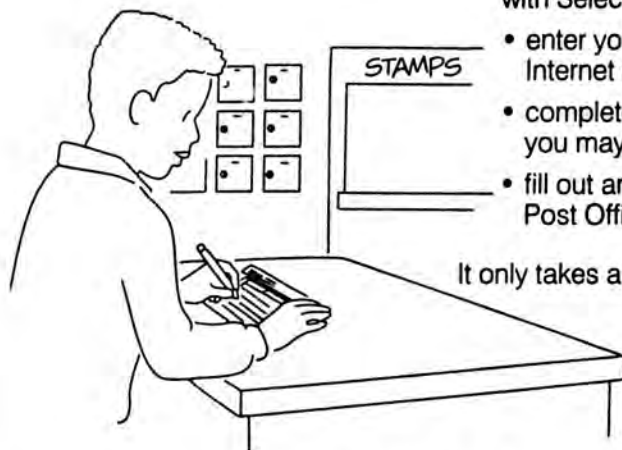


## IT'S EASY TO REGISTER

with Selective Service. You can:

- enter your information via the Internet at: <http://www.sss.gov>, or
- complete, sign and return the card you may get in the mail, or
- fill out an SSS registration form at a Post Office.

It only takes a few minutes to register.



Registering with Selective Service does not mean joining the military!



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# IT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU, TOO!

Registering with Selective Service can open doors for you. For example, you must be registered with Selective Service to be eligible for:



## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Students who aren't registered won't qualify for federal student aid and grant programs.

## FEDERAL JOB TRAINING

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) offers programs that can train you for jobs such as:

- auto repair
- carpenter
- TV and radio repair
- electrician.



## FEDERAL JOBS

For example, you must be registered with Selective Service to work for the federal government in jobs such as postal worker, computer programmer and others.

## CITIZENSHIP

You must be registered to receive United States citizenship if you were not born in the U.S.



**AND REMEMBER --**  
**not registering is against the law.**

**So, do your country -- and yourself -- a favor. Register with Selective Service within 30 days of your 18th birthday.**

**IT'S EASY TO REGISTER.**  
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| <p><b>Men 18 through 25 years old are required to register if they have not already done so</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

Or you can register on-line at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov),  
or pick up a Selective Service registration  
form at the Post Office.

**REGISTER WHEN YOU TURN 18.**



**It's quick! It's easy! And it's the law!**



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# REGISTERING WITH SELECTIVE SERVICE