

SB

274



SENATOR FRED DYSON

SPONSOR STATEMENT
SB 274 "Surplus Firearms"

Currently state owned surplus firearms are sold in an auction restricted to purchasers who are federally licensed firearm dealers. This statute change expands the number of potential buyers to include all Alaskans who are qualified to legally purchase a firearm.

SB 274 does not change restrictions on who may or may not possess a firearm, nor does it change any rules regulating the buying and selling of guns. SB 274 simply gives direction to the Department of Public Safety to give qualified buyers equal opportunity.

The current practice does not allow the State to get the best price for surplus firearms and allows a few federally licensed firearm dealers to potentially collude to keep prices artificially low.

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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1005)	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
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1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
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Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 00

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Sectional Analysis: SB 274, 24-LS 1636X Disposition of Surplus Firearms

Section 1: Specifies that disposal of unclaimed firearms and ammunition used as evidence is subject to the guidelines laid out in Chapter 65, Police Protection, Article 4, Disposal of Firearms and Ammunition.

Section 2:

18.65.340 (a) Lists four options for disposal of firearms and ammunition

- (1) public sale not limited to firearms dealers,
- (2) trade-in for credit,
- (3) donation, or
- (4) transfer to other jurisdictions.

18.65.340 (b) Lists three options if the firearm is illegal

- (1) sale to firearms dealer with appropriate federal dealers license,
- (2) donation,
- (3) dismantle the firearm for the purpose of destroying the parts of the firearm that made it illegal, and sell, trade-in, donate, or transfer the legal parts.

18.65.340 (c) Requires the department to report firearm description and value to the legislature when firearms are traded in, donated, or transferred.

18.65.340 (d) Limits the liability of the state unless a firearm is sold with gross negligence or recklessness.

18.65.340 (e) Defines "department" as any State department, and "surplus firearm" to include firearm or ammunition that is forfeited, surplus, or recovered by unclaimed.

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