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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date Referred to Committee: January 16, 2007

FURTHER REFERRALS: State Affairs
Finance

Date of Committee Action: February 13, 2007

The HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS considered:

HB 62

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

TUITION WAIVER FOR NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY

"An Act providing for partial tuition assistance for families of members of the Alaska National Guard; directing the adjutant general to seek additional funding to support tuition assistance; and providing for free hunting and sport fishing licenses for active members of the Alaska National Guard."

Recommends it be replaced with ☐ HCS or ☒ HCS for HB 62 (MLV)
For Senate Bills with new title: ☐ Technical Title ☐ New Title: HCR _____ | Same Title ☒ New Title

- ☐ attach amendments
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☐ Letter of Intent _____ Committee

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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB62 (H) MLV
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs
 Title Tuition Waiver for National Guard Family RDU Military & Veterans Affairs
 Component Educational Benefits
 Sponsor Representative Thomas
 Requester _____ Component No. 419

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal: ☐

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Approximately 50% of National Guard members have qualifying family members for this program. We estimate that approximately 25% of that base will apply for the 50% undergraduate tuition waiver this program will provide.

FY07 funding level - \$378.5

Estimate for program usage - \$25%

Equals \$94.7 approximate fiscal impact to the department

We will have no fiscal impact for the free hunting and fishing licenses for active members of the AK National Guard.

Prepared by: John Cramer, Acting Deputy Commissioner Phone (907) 465-4602
 Division Commissioner's Office Date/Time 1/24/2007 @ 9:20 am
 Approved by: Craig E. Campbell, Commissioner Date 1/24/2007
 Agency Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: HB45-DMVA-VS-2-9-07
 Bill Version: HB45 (H) MLV
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____

Dept. Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs

Title State Veterans Cemetery and Fund

RDU Military and Veterans Affairs

Component Veterans Services

Sponsor Representatives Guttenberg, Doll, and Lynn

Requester Military & Veterans Affairs

Component No. 421

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Travel	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contractual	*	*	*	*	*	*
Supplies	*	*	*	*	*	*
Equipment	*	*	*	*	*	*
Land & Structures	*	*	*	*	*	*
Grants & Claims	*	*	*	*	*	*
Miscellaneous	*	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL OPERATING	*	*	*	*	*	*

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	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time	*	*	*	*	*	*
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

At this time, the Department is unable to determine the fiscal impact for construction, operation, and maintenance of Veterans' Cemeteries.

Prepared by: Mr. John Cramer, Acting Deputy Commissioner

Division Commissioner's Office

Approved by: General Craig Campbell, Commissioner

Agency Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Phone (907) 465-4602

Date/Time 2/9/07 10:05 AM

Date 2/9/2007

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: HB045-DOA-DOF-2-9-07
 Bill Version: HB045
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title An act establishing the Alaska veterans' cemetery RDU Centralized Admin Services
fund in the general fund. Component Finance
 Sponsor Representatives Guttenberg, Doll & Lynn
 Requester _____ Component No. 59

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
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 EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (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
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)	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

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Establishing funds created by legislation such as this is in the normal course of business for the Division of Finance. This bill should have no fiscal impact on the agency.

Prepared by: Kim Garner & Lisa Pusich
 Division: Finance
 Approved by: Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Administration

Phone: 465-2200
 Date/Time: 2/9/07 12:30 PM
 Date: 2/9/2007

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: HB045-DOA-DMV-2-10-07
 Bill Version: HB 45
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____

Dept. Affected: Administration

Title "An Act authorizing the DMVA to establish and maintain Alaska veterans' cemeteries;"

RDU Division of Motor Vehicles

Component Motor Vehicles

Sponsor Rep. Guttenberg

Requester (H) MLV

Component No. 2348

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
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 EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE

(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
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)	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

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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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 does not impact the Division of Motor Vehicles, however revenue derived from the sale of the "Commemorative Veteran's License Plate" may be used for funding of the Alaska veterans cemetery.

Prepared by: Duane Bannock, director

Division: Motor Vehicles

Approved by: Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner

Agency: Department of Administration

Phone 465-2200

Date/Time 2/10/2007 11:00am

Date 2/12/2007

AMENDMENT /

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: HB 62

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

- 1 Page 1, line 1:
- 2 Delete "families"
- 3 Insert "spouses"
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- 5 Page 3, line 5:
- 6 Delete "or child"

Disaster Relief Fund could use help

Management office:

Emergency Response Unit:

Alaska Youth Academy

Made 3rd 10:00am

"Operation Stand Down"

Today's Schedule:

1. Overview of the Department of Military &

Veterans' Affairs

2. HB 45 - State Veterans' Cemetery & Fund

(Rep. Guttentberg)

3. HB 62 - Tuition Waiver for National Guard Family

(Rep. Thomas)

I would like to call the first hearing for the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs Committee to order.

Let the record reflect the time is P.M. and the date is **Tuesday, February 13, 2007.**

Let the record also reflect there is a quorum. Members present are:

- Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom
- Rep. Jay Ramras
- Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux
- Rep. Anna Fairclough
- Rep. Bob Buch
- Rep. Scott Kawasaki

And myself, Rep. Bob Roses, Chairman

Today's Schedule:

- 1. Overview of the Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs**
- 2. HB 45 – State Veterans' Cemetery & Fund
(Rep. Guttenberg)**
- 3. HB 62 – Tuition Waiver for National Guard Family
(Rep. Thomas)**

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB62
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: University of Alaska
 Title Partial Tuition Assistance AK Nat'l Guard RDU _____
Families Component _____
 Sponsor _____
 Requester Representative (s) Thomas, Kertula Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
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Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
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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 (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the University, assuming that the adjutant general provides the additional funding to support tuition assistance for the families of the members of the Alaska National Guard.

Prepared by: Michelle Rizk Phone 450-8187
 Division University of Alaska Date/Time 2/12/07 11:00 AM
 Approved by: Pat Pitney Date 2/12/2007
 Agency University of Alaska

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: HB062-DFG-DAS-02-12-07
 Bill Version: HB 62
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title Tuition Assistance for Alaska National Guard RDU Administration and Support
 Component Administrative Services
 Sponsor Reps Thomas and Kerttula
 Requester House Military and Veterans' Affairs (Component No. 470

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
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 (1024)	(78.5)	(78.5)	(78.5)	(78.5)	(78.5)	(78.5)
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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 (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Fiscal note reflects estimated change in revenues to the Fish and Game Fund for complimentary sport fishing and hunting licenses to Alaska National Guard (ANG) active members. There are currently 4,300 ANG members. Based on resident sales, 50% of the ANG would purchase a sport fishing license and 25% would purchase a hunting license. Total revenue loss to Fish and Game Fund and Facility Surcharge Fund is estimated to be \$78,475.00.

Prepared by: Tom Lawson
 Division Administrative Services
 Approved by: Denby Lloyd
 Agency Department of Fish and Game

Phone 465-5999
 Date/Time 02/12/07 8:30 a.m.
 Date 2/12/2007

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 62

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Alaska National Guard Complimentary Licenses

Types of License Sold	Number of ANG	License Fee	Revenue	% of Alaskans purchasing licenses	Total Revenue
R Fishing Lic	4300	\$24.00	\$103,200	50%	\$51,600
R Hunting Lic	4300	\$25.00	\$107,500	25%	\$26,875
Total			\$210,700		\$78,475



REPRESENTATIVE BILL THOMAS

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Sponsor Statement for HB 62 Tuition Assistance for National Guard Members and Families and Providing for Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for National Guard Members

HB 62 has three provisions, which will substantially benefit the Alaska National Guard. First, HB 62 allows Alaska National Guard members to receive free hunting and fishing licenses. This not only is an important recruiting tool, but it is also a way for the state of Alaska to show its appreciation to those who sacrifice so much to protect our country and our state.

Second, HB 62 gives a 50 percent tuition waiver to spouses of Alaska National Guard members. For the past two years the Alaska National Guard has not met its year-end membership goals. This is attributed, in large part, to the family being the decision maker for these soldiers. When the family gives up so much to support these soldiers, but gets nothing in return, the pull to leave the Guard is strong. The waiver benefits families who give up so much to support their loved one while serving in the National Guard.

Finally, HB 62 solves the current funding problems of tuition waivers that are promised to Alaska National Guard members. Soldiers who have been promised higher education benefits are not always receiving them. Each year the funding is exhausted and guard members are being denied the assistance they need to continue their education. By directing the adjutant general to request a supplemental appropriation from the Legislature, the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs can fund both the new and previously established tuition waivers.

The War in Iraq has seen the first mobilization of Alaska National Guard members into overseas combat. The commitment that these men and women make upon joining the National Guard is much more than one weekend a month and two weeks a year. The Alaska National Guard is fighting for our country and protecting our state. They deserve our support. I respectfully urge your support for HB 62.



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**States Provide Extended
Hunting For Military and
Disabled**

As a compassionate gesture to active military and the disabled, many states have tipped their hat to these individuals, passing legislation that extends or modifies hunting seasons and licenses.

South Dakota H1060: Permits dependant children of resident active duty military service

persons to obtain deer and antelope hunting licenses under certain circumstances. This bill was signed by the governor in February.

South Dakota H1085: Provides for certain reduced hunting and fishing license fees for certain disabled residents who served in the armed forces reserve or national guard. This bill was signed by the governor in February.

Mississippi H1107: Waives fees for resident who is member of United States Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves. This bill was signed into law in May.

Delaware H 326: Grants veterans who have served honorably for 90 or more consecutive days on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States 1 year of free access to the State's parks and 1 year of free hunting and fishing licenses following the date of their honorable discharge or removal from active status. This bill has passed both houses and is ready for the governor's signature.

Mississippi had other provisions in the legislature which would have exempted disabled vets, active duty military and National Guard from requiring a license, but the bills died in committee.

Still under consideration in the state legislative process are four bills in New Jersey and one in Pennsylvania, California and Michigan.

New Jersey A1736: Authorizes free admission to State parks and forests for disabled veterans.

New Jersey A952: Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and State park admission for persons with certain types of military service

New Jersey A1247: Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for veterans.

New Jersey A2658: Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and free admission to State parks and forests for individuals with certain types of military service.

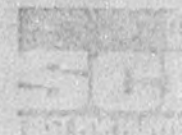
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Pennsylvania H2458: Amends the Game Code. Expands the definition and hunting privileges of military personnel.

California S1807: Eliminates the fee that the disabled veteran would be required to pay to obtain a hunting or sport fishing license. (This bill failed initially but will be reconsidered.)

Michigan S1148: Authorizes military personnel to obtain free hunting and fishing licenses from Department of Natural Resources licensing agents.

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What Does The Guard Do In The Community?

Guard units across America play an important role in their community. The Army National Guard brings additional spending dollars into local communities.

From the assistance each soldier provides while in uniform to the work that they do in their civilian jobs, Guard members are leaders in their community. Whether it's teaching classes at local high schools, or providing events for students at local armories, Guard members think getting involved with the future of our children is essential. By providing medical support to communities through "GuardCare" or providing groups a place to hold meetings in their local armories, the Army National Guard is always there and always willing to lend a helping hand.

Who Joins The Army National Guard?

Members range from doctors and lawyers to college students and everyone in between. There are housewives, teachers, and ministers in the Army National Guard.

There are many reasons for joining the Guard. Regardless, there's a special pride that comes with serving side by side with other members of your community.

What are the service obligations in the National Guard?

Army National Guard members are required to attend one drill weekend each month and one annual training period each year. Weekend drills are usually scheduled over one weekend - a Saturday and Sunday each month but can occasionally include reporting for duty on Friday night. In addition, units have a two week annual training (AT) period every year which is usually scheduled during the summer. Initially, all personnel are required to attend initial entry training (IET), which can usually be scheduled to meet civilian occupation scheduling requirements. Duration and location of IET varies according to career specialty - a recruiter can provide specific information for each Military Occupational Specialty.

What is the National Guard?

The National Guard is one branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. The National Guard consists of both Army National Guard and Air National Guard components. The National Guard is composed of full time and part time soldiers, as well as civilians, who together serve their country. Each state and territory has its own National Guard, as provided by the United States Constitution.

National Guard Education Benefits

State-by-State Education Benefits for Members of the National Guard

All members of the Reserves and National Guard are eligible for the Reserve Montgomery GI Bill, if:

- They are within 10 years from the date they became eligible (after initial entry training)
- Have at least a six year Reserves commitment (Must have enlisted in the Guard/Reserves for a minimum of six years)
- Have completed their initial active duty training (basic training and Technical School/AIT/A-School)
- Remain in a drill status (One weekend per month and two weeks per year)

In addition to federal education benefits (Reserve Montgomery GI Bill), all states offer additional educational benefits for members of the National Guard. These programs are operated, funded, and managed under the laws of the individual state, not the federal government. In most cases, both the Reserve Montgomery GI Bill and the Active Duty GI bill may be used at the same time with State educational programs.

Educational benefits for National Guard members offered by the individual states are shown in the chart below. It should be noted that these benefits are subject to available funds and it is not unusual for a state to suspend benefits when funding runs out. While every effort has been made to ensure the below information is current (as of August 2002), the programs are subject to individual state laws, which can be changed at anytime by state legislators. One should check with their individual state National Guard agency or National Guard recruiter for the latest information and programs.

State	Program	Limitations/Remarks
Alabama	\$500 per semester	Covers tuition, books, supplies and fees. Limit \$1,000 per year.
Alaska	100%	Can be used only at schools in the University of Alaska system.
Arizona	\$126 per credit hour	Maximum of \$2,412 per fiscal year. Military members with more than 10 years of service have priority when funds are limited.
Arkansas	\$1,000 per semester	Maximum of 4 semester per year. Can be used only at Arkansas public and private colleges and universities.
California	None	
Colorado	75%	Can be used only at selected Colorado state schools.
Connecticut	100% Tuition Waiver	Applies only to Connecticut state public universities or community-technical colleges.
Delaware	100%	100% of tuition at Delaware state institutions and an equivalent dollar amount for private institutions.
District of Columbia	\$1,000 per semester/quarter	Can be used at any approved college university or educational institution.
Florida	100% or 50%	100% for those who enlisted in the

National Guard Education Benefits

State-by-State Education Benefits for Members of the National Guard

		Florida National Guard on or after 1 July 1997, and 50% for those who entered before 1 July 1997. Applies to Florida state community colleges and universities.
Georgia	100%	Can't exceed \$2,500 per school year. Also available an \$800 loan for full-time students and a \$400 loan to part-time students. TA/loan is valid only for students in bachelor degree programs.
Hawaii	100% or 50%	100% at Hawaii state community colleges and 50% at Hawaii universities.
Illinois	100%	Any Illinois state-supported college or university.
Indiana	100%	Any Indiana state school
Iowa	50%	Iowa state universities and community colleges and selected private universities.
Kansas	100%	Any Kansas state-supported school, for any certificate, diploma or degree, up to a bachelor degree. Members are required to serve in the Kansas National Guard for 4 years after last TA payment.
Kentucky	100%	Any Kentucky state university, community college or vocational school. Only available to enlisted members.
Louisiana	100%	Louisiana state operated colleges or universities. Limited to award of bachelor degree or five academic years, whichever occurs first.
Maine	100%	Regionally accredited Maine public post-secondary schools.
Maryland	50%	Limited to six semester hours per semester. Only valid for Maryland state-supported colleges and universities. Some members may be eligible for 100% tuition assistance with certain restrictions.
Massachusetts	100%	Massachusetts state colleges and universities. Maximum of 130 credit hours, total.
Michigan	\$2,000 per academic year	Must enroll in <i>approved courses</i> at Michigan state colleges, universities,

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		technical schools, and vocational/trade schools.
Minnesota	Varies	Partial tuition and textbook reimbursement.
Mississippi	\$1,000 per semester and \$500 per term	Offers \$1,000 per semester at 4-year colleges and universities and \$500 per term at community colleges. Only for O-3s and below.
Missouri	50% or 100%	100% for those with less than 10 years of service who joined before 1 April 2001. 50% for all others. Limited to 15 credit hours per semester.
Montana	75%	Montana state schools.
Nebraska	75%	Nebraska state-supported colleges, university or technical colleges.
Nevada	50%	Nevada state universities and community colleges. Must maintain at least a "C" average.
New Hampshire	100%	New Hampshire state schools and universities. Space-available basis. Must be a legal state resident.
New Jersey	100%	New Jersey state university or community college.
New Mexico	100%	State-supported schools.
New York	100%	100% in state for New York public colleges and universities or equal funds for in-state private schools.
North Carolina	\$2,000 per year	North Carolina state-approved colleges and universities. Limited to \$8,000 total benefit.
North Dakota	100%	North Dakota state colleges and universities.
Ohio	100%	Ohio state schools. Equivalent funds for private schools.
Oklahoma	100%	Oklahoma state colleges and universities. State offers some scholarships to National Guard members, as well.
Oregon	\$10,000 Student Loan Repayment	Oregon will repay up to \$10,000 in student loans.
Pennsylvania	100%	Based upon tuition rates of Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.
Puerto Rico	Variable	Rates vary depending on number of classes being taken. National Guard

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		members can transfer benefits to their spouse.
Rhode Island		National Guard members are allowed to attend one undergraduate course per semester for free, at Rhode Island state colleges or universities.
South Carolina	\$20,000 Student Loan Repayment	15% (or \$2,000, whichever is greater), each year the member is in the National Guard, on the current balance for all guaranteed student loans. Maximum repayment of \$20,000.
South Dakota	50%	South Dakota state universities or technical schools.
Tennessee	\$3,500 per year	
Texas	100%	Limited to a maximum of 12 credit hours per semester.
Utah	\$400 per semester	\$400 per semester or \$800 per year. Maximum benefit of \$4,000.
Vermont	25%	Available at select schools only. \$2,500 interest-free student loan for courses in any Vermont state school.
Virginia	50%	Maximum of \$500 per term, or \$1,000 per year.
Virgin Islands		32 free credit-hours at the University of the Virgin Islands. Available for graduate or undergraduate degree programs.
Washington	Varies	Offers tuition reductions to National Guard members at Washington State University. Some scholarships also available.
West Virginia	100%	Undergraduate degrees at any West Virginia state schools. Equivalent funds for in-state private schools.
Wisconsin	100%	Amount of tuition is based on tuition rate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Wyoming	100%	University of Wyoming and selected other schools.

Note: In addition to an Air National Guard and an Army National Guard, the states of New Jersey and New York also have a state Naval Militia, and the above programs apply to those agencies, as well.

Kaci Schroeder

From: Tracy Oman [tracyoman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 10:36 AM
To: Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Bob Lynn
Cc: Rep. Bob Roses
Subject: HB 62 -TUITION WAIVER FOR NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY

Good Morning,

I am writing today to show support of HB 62. As a Military Veteran and a National Guard dependent, I was disappointed to see this bill fail in the last session. Not only will this legislation help attract and keep Guard members, it will also relieve much of the financial hardship that college tuition can put on Guard members and their dependents. Although I am a Military Veteran and already receive tuition assistance through the G.I. Bill, I have seen my fellow Guard dependents struggle and I would like to help.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to encourage the passage of this much needed legislation.

Sincerely,

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Licenses	Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident Alien	NonResident Military
Sport Fishing:				
1 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$20	\$20	N/A
3 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$35	\$35	N/A
7 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$55	\$55	N/A
14 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$80	\$80	N/A
Annual Sport Fishing License**	\$24	\$145	\$145	\$24
Sport Fishing License for the Blind	\$0.25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sport Fishing License Yukon Residents Only**	N/A	N/A	\$24	N/A
Hunting:				
Hunting License	\$25	\$85	\$300	\$85
Small Game Hunting License	N/A	\$20	\$20	\$25
Hunting License for the Blind	\$25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Trapping:				
Trapping License	\$15	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combination Licenses:				
Hunting and Sport Fishing License**	\$48	\$230	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 1 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$105	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 3 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$120	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 7 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$140	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 14 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$165	N/A	N/A
Hunting and Trapping License	\$39	\$250	N/A	\$250
Hunting, Trapping and Sport Fishing License**	\$62	N/A	N/A	N/A
Small Game Hunting and Sport Fishing**	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$48
Low Income Sport Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	\$5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commercial Crewmember:				
Crewmember License	\$60	\$175	\$175	\$175
Child Crewmember License (10 or less yrs old)	\$5	\$120	\$120	N/A
7 day Crewmember License	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30

Stamps	Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident Alien	NonResident Military
King Salmon Stamp:				
1 Day Stamp	N/A	\$10	\$10	N/A
3 Day Stamp	N/A	\$20	\$20	N/A
7 Day Stamp	N/A	\$30	\$30	N/A
14 Day Stamp	N/A	\$50	\$50	N/A
Annual Stamp	\$10	\$100	\$100	\$20
Annual Stamp Yukon Residents Only	N/A	N/A	\$10	N/A
Waterfowl Stamp:				
State waterfowl stamp	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

Big Game Tags	Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident Alien	NonResident Military
Bison	N/A	\$450	\$650	\$225
Black Bear	N/A	\$225	\$300	\$112.50
Brown/Grizzly Bear	\$25	\$500	\$650	\$250
Caribou	N/A	\$325	\$425	\$162.50
Deer	N/A	\$150	\$200	\$75
Elk	N/A	\$300	\$400	\$150
Goat	N/A	\$300	\$400	\$150
Moose	N/A	\$400	\$500	\$200
Muskox-bull	\$500	\$1,100	\$1,500	\$550
Muskox-cow	\$25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sheep	N/A	\$425	\$550	\$212.50
Wolf	N/A	\$30	\$50	\$15
Wolverine	N/A	\$175	\$250	\$87.50

Sport Fish Business Owner and Guide Licenses	Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident Alien	NonResident Military
Business Owner License Only	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Guide License Only	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Combo Business Owner/Guide License	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100

McNeil River Bear Viewing	Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident Alien	NonResident Military
Application Fee	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Guided Permit	\$150	\$350	\$350	\$350
Camp Permit	\$75	\$175	\$175	\$175

Professional Licenses	Resident	Nonresident	NonResident Alien	NonResident Military
Fur Dealer	\$150	\$500	\$500	\$500
Taxidermy	\$200	\$500	\$500	\$500
Game Mammal or Reptile Farm	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Game Bird Farm	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

**Sport fishing license fees increased in 2006 to provide for sport fishing facilities. See Facility surcharge AS 16.05.340 for further information.