

**SB**

**150**

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150</SUBJECT><COMM>SSTA27</COMM></TARGET>

# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

## First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/17/12

FURTHER: Labor and Commerce

Date of 5-Day Notice: 1/19/12  
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
 IN TO OFFICE: 1-26-12

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 150

### SB 150-MILITARY TRAINING CREDIT

"An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training requirements; and providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military service members."

and recommends:

- SB 150*
- be replaced with CS Version I ( STA ) [ ] Same Title  New Title
- adopt previous CS \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) [ ] Same Title [ ] New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LEG
CED	LAW
COR	LWF
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
LWP			X	1
UA			X	2
Fiscal Info Forthcoming				

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	PASKVAN	X			
	Meyer	X			
	Giessel			X	
CO-CHAIR:	wielechowski	✓			

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 150(STA)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered:**  
**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS WIELECHOWSKI, Ellis, Meyer, Menard**

**A BILL**  
**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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2 **occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training**  
3 **requirements; providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military**  
4 **service members; and providing for an effective date."**

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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10 of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate  
11 issued under this chapter if the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful  
12 completion of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of  
13 the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the  
14 Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SB150 SSA  
Fiscal Note Number 11  
( ) Publish Date 1/27/12

Identifier (file name) SB150-DOLWD-WIB-1-20-12 Dept. Affected Labor and Workforce Development  
Title Military Training Credit Appropriation Business Partnerships  
Allocation Workforce Investment Board  
Sponsor Senator Wielechowski  
Requester Senate State Affairs OMB Component Number 2659

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

POSITIONS								
Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

CHANGE IN REVENUES								

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Not applicable, initial version.

Prepared by Jeff Selvey, Executive Director, Workforce Investment Board  
Division Business Partnerships  
Approved by Click Bishop, Commissioner  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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Date/Time 1/20/12 1:00 PM  
Date 1/20/2012

**Analysis**

The proposed legislation requires the Workforce Investment Board to facilitate a statewide policy to determine credit towards a degree or program offered by a vocational or technical center in the state of Alaska for a member of the nation's armed forces. This will be conducted via teleconferences between the state's applicable training center organizations.

There is no fiscal impact to the department as a result of this legislation.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SB150 STA  
Fiscal Note Number (2)  
( ) Publish Date 1/21/12

Identifier (file name) SB150-UA-SYSBRA-01-24-12 Dept. Affected University of Alaska  
Title Military Training Credit Appropriation Budget Reductions/Additions-Systemwide  
Allocation Budget Reductions/Additions-Systemwide  
Sponsor SENATOR(S) WIELECHOWSKI, Ellis, Meyer, Menard  
Requester State Affairs OMB Component Number 1296

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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			FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
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Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
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FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
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1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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Prepared by Michelle Rizk Phone 907-450-8187  
Division University of Alaska Date/Time 1/20/12 5:00 PM  
Approved by Michelle Rizk Date 1/20/2012

FISCAL NOTE #

STATE OF ALASKA  
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB150

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**Analysis**

SB150 will not have a fiscal impact on the University of Alaska (UA).

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SB 150  
Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name) SB150-DCCED-CBPL-01-20-12 Dept. Affected DCCED  
Title Military Training Credit Appropriation Corps, Bus & Professional Licensing  
Allocation Corps, Bus & Professional Licensing  
Sponsor Senator Wielechowski  
Requester Sentate State Affairs OMB Component Number 2360

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>
Personal Services	157.3		75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5
Travel	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	50.0		15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Commodities	0.5		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>207.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>207.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>

POSITIONS							
Full-time		2		1	1	1	1
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>	<b>207.8</b>		<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>91.0</b>
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Initial Version

Prepared by Don Habeger, Director  
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Approved by Susan K. Bell, Commissioner  
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Date/Time 1/21/2012 4:30pm  
Date 1/21/2012

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 150

**Analysis**

SB 150 would require the department or board to accept relevant experience, training or service acquired while serving in the armed forces. The bill would allow greater flexibility for those exiting military service to become temporarily licensed in Alaska.

The following is a detailed cost analysis:

Personal Services consist of a long term non-perm Regulations Specialist I (Range 13) and an Administrative Assistant (Range 14). The Regulation Specialist I will work with boards, commissions, and staff to create regulations for new "temporary license" types for all licenses, and will craft clarifying regulations for programs with existing temporary licenses. The Administrative Assistant II will work with the Regulations Specialist and existing Publications Specialist II to draft correspondence to boards and commissions, create new forms and applications, liaison with the Department of Law regarding these regulations changes, and ensure timelines are maintained. This position will administer the military licensing program, including the receiving and tracking of military applications to ensure they are expedited, providing administrative support to licensing staff, customer support to military personnel, and organizing an accurate structure of the new license types into the licensing database. Once these regulations are in place, updates can be managed by existing staff and the Regulations Specialist position will be eliminated.

Services include the initial legal and start up costs, and ongoing support services.

Commodities include general supply costs.

Under the self-sufficiency statute of AS 08.01.065, regulatory programs are required to pay the cost of regulation through licensing fees. The funding source in establishing this position is Receipt Supported Services funded entirely from licensing fees.

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## SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 25, 2012  
**TO:** Senate State Affairs Committee  
**FROM:** Senator Bill Wielechowski  
**SUBJECT:** Changes from CS SB150 (version E) to CS SB150 (version X)

The following are changes made in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 150:

- Page 2, line 16 – added the word “temporary” before “license” to clarify that section (c) was referring that the boards may issue temporary license extension of 180 days.
- Page 5, line 15 – adds Section 5 to include transitional language allowing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and applicable boards to immediately begin implementing regulations to accept military education, training and service.
- Page 5, line 22 – add Section 6 adds an effective date of December 31, 2013. This will allow the Departments and boards enough time to adopt regulations for accepting equivalent military education, training and service.
- Page 5, line 23 – adds Section 7 to allow section 5 to take effect immediately.

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10 of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate  
11 issued under this chapter if the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful  
12 completion of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of  
13 the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the  
14 Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

1 (b) If the department or applicable board is otherwise authorized to issue a  
2 temporary license or certificate, the department or applicable board shall issue a  
3 temporary license or certificate to a person who

4 (1) applies to the department or relevant board in a manner prescribed  
5 by the department or board;

6 (2) meets the requirements in AS 08.01.063(a)(3) - (6); and

7 (3) while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any  
8 state, as described in (a) of this section,

9 (A) held a current license or certificate in another state, district,  
10 or territory of the United States and has practiced in the area of the license or  
11 certificate; or

12 (B) was awarded a diploma or certificate by a branch of the  
13 armed forces of the United States or any state, as described in (a) of this  
14 section, that met standards for an equivalent license or a certificate of technical  
15 training.

16 (c) A temporary license or certificate issued under (b) of this section is valid  
17 for 180 days and may be extended at the discretion of the department or applicable  
18 board for one additional 180-day period if the holder of the license or certificate  
19 applies for an extension on a form approved by the department or applicable board.

20 (d) The department or applicable board may adopt regulations necessary to  
21 implement this section.

22 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40.210 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 (c) The president of the University of Alaska shall implement a policy and  
24 procedure for the acceptance of academic credit toward a degree or technical program  
25 offered by the university if an applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful  
26 completion of relevant military education, training, or service as a member of the  
27 armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of  
28 any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

29 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.48.060(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) A postsecondary educational institution must be maintained and operated,  
31 or, in the case of a new institution must demonstrate that it can be maintained and

1 operated so that

2 (1) the quality and content of each course or program of instruction,  
3 training, or study are such as may reasonably and adequately achieve the stated  
4 objective for which the course or program is offered;

5 (2) the institution has or has access to adequate space, equipment,  
6 instructional materials, and personnel where applicable to achieve the stated objective  
7 of the course or program of study and to provide education of good quality;

8 (3) the education or experience qualifications of directors,  
9 administrators, supervisors, and instructors are such as may reasonably ensure that the  
10 students will receive education consistent with the objectives of the course or program  
11 of study;

12 (4) the institution provides a catalog or brochure containing  
13 information describing the programs offered, program objectives, length of program,  
14 schedule of tuition, fees, and all other charges and expenses necessary for completion  
15 of the course of study, cancellation and refund policies, and other material facts  
16 concerning the institution and the program or course of instruction that are reasonably  
17 likely to affect the decision of the student to enroll, together with any other disclosures  
18 specified by the commission by regulation; and that this information is provided to  
19 prospective students before enrollment;

20 (5) upon satisfactory completion of training, the student is given  
21 appropriate educational credentials by the institution, indicating that the course of  
22 instruction or study has been satisfactorily completed by the student;

23 (6) adequate records are maintained by the institution to show  
24 attendance, progress, or grades, and that satisfactory standards are enforced relating to  
25 attendance, progress, and performance;

26 (7) the institution is maintained and operated in compliance with all  
27 pertinent ordinances and laws relating to the safety and health of persons upon the  
28 premises of the institution;

29 (8) the institution is financially sound and capable of fulfilling its  
30 commitments to students;

31 (9) neither the institution nor its agents engage in advertising, sales,

1 collection, credit, or other practices which are false, deceptive, misleading, or unfair;

2 (10) the chief executive officer, trustees, directors, owners,  
3 administrators, supervisors, staff, and instructors of the institution are of good  
4 reputation and character and have not been convicted of a violation of AS 14.48.020  
5 or 14.48.150 or AS 45.50.471 - 45.50.561 or a comparable law in another state or  
6 province;

7 (11) the student housing owned, maintained, or approved by the  
8 institution is appropriate, safe, and adequate;

9 (12) the institution has a fair and equitable cancellation and refund  
10 policy; [AND]

11 (13) the charges set by the institution for tuition, fees, books, and  
12 supplies are fair and equitable; **and**

13 **(14) the institution accepts military education, training, or service**  
14 **credit or hours toward a degree or technical program offered by the institution if**

15 **(A) the institution otherwise accepts transfer credits or**  
16 **hours; and**

17 **(B) the credit or hours transfer process meets the**  
18 **requirements of the accrediting body of the institution or the commission.**

19 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 23.15.820(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) The Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall

21 (1) administer the Alaska technical and vocational education program  
22 established in AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850;

23 (2) facilitate the development of a statewide policy for a coordinated  
24 and effective technical and vocational education training system in this state and, to  
25 the extent authorized by federal and state law, plan and coordinate federal, state, and  
26 local efforts in technical and vocational education programs;

27 (3) adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)  
28 to carry out the purposes of AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850, including regulations that set  
29 standards for the percentage of a grant that may be used for administrative costs; the  
30 regulations must clearly identify and distinguish between expenses that may be  
31 included in administrative costs and those that may not be included in administrative

1 costs; the percentage allowed for administrative costs may not exceed the lesser of five  
2 percent or the amount permitted under the requirements of a federal program, if  
3 applicable;

4 (4) administer the grant program under AS 23.15.840 and establish  
5 grant administration requirements including accounting procedures that apply to  
6 qualified entities and their grantees;

7 **(5) facilitate the development and implementation of a statewide**  
8 **policy and procedure that provides for the acceptance of credit or hours toward a**  
9 **degree or technical program offered by a vocational or technical training center**  
10 **in the state for an applicant who provides satisfactory evidence of successful**  
11 **completion of relevant military education, training, or service as a member of the**  
12 **armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National**  
13 **Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any**  
14 **state.**

15 \* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
16 read:

17 **MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND SERVICE CREDIT: TRANSITION.**

18 The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and applicable  
19 boards may immediately promulgate regulations necessary to implement AS 08.01.064, added  
20 by sec. 1 of this Act, except that the effective date of the regulations may not be earlier than  
21 the effective date of secs. 1 - 4 of this Act.

22 \* **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 - 4 of this Act take effect December 31, 2013.

23 \* **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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**Offered:  
Referred:**

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10 of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate  
11 issued under this chapter if the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful  
12 completion of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of  
13 the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the  
14 Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

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(b) If the department or applicable board is otherwise authorized to issue a temporary license, the department or applicable board shall issue a temporary license or certificate to a person who

(1) applies to the department or relevant board in a manner prescribed by the department or board;

(2) meets the requirements in AS 08.01.063(a)(3) - (6); and

(3) while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any state, as described in (a) of this section,

(A) held a current license or certificate in another state, district, or territory of the United States and has practiced in the area of the license or certificate; or

(B) was awarded a diploma or certificate by a branch of the armed forces of the United States or any state, as described in (a) of this section, that met standards for an equivalent license or a certificate of technical training.

(c) A license or certificate issued under (b) of this section is valid for 180 days and may be extended at the discretion of the department or applicable board for one additional 180-day period if the holder of the license or certificate applies for an extension on a form approved by the department or applicable board.

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(c) The president of the University of Alaska shall implement a policy and procedure for the acceptance of academic credit toward a degree or technical program offered by the university if an applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful completion of relevant military education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

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1 operated so that

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3 training, or study are such as may reasonably and adequately achieve the stated  
4 objective for which the course or program is offered;

5 (2) the institution has or has access to adequate space, equipment,  
6 instructional materials, and personnel where applicable to achieve the stated objective  
7 of the course or program of study and to provide education of good quality;

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9 administrators, supervisors, and instructors are such as may reasonably ensure that the  
10 students will receive education consistent with the objectives of the course or program  
11 of study;

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13 information describing the programs offered, program objectives, length of program,  
14 schedule of tuition, fees, and all other charges and expenses necessary for completion  
15 of the course of study, cancellation and refund policies, and other material facts  
16 concerning the institution and the program or course of instruction that are reasonably  
17 likely to affect the decision of the student to enroll, together with any other disclosures  
18 specified by the commission by regulation; and that this information is provided to  
19 prospective students before enrollment;

20 (5) upon satisfactory completion of training, the student is given  
21 appropriate educational credentials by the institution, indicating that the course of  
22 instruction or study has been satisfactorily completed by the student;

23 (6) adequate records are maintained by the institution to show  
24 attendance, progress, or grades, and that satisfactory standards are enforced relating to  
25 attendance, progress, and performance;

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## SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 20, 2012  
**TO:** Senate State Affairs Committee  
**FROM:** Senator Bill Wielechowski  
**SUBJECT:** Changes from SB150 to CS SB150 (version E)

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- Page 2, line 13 & 14: removed part (c) stating the department or applicable board shall expedite the procedure for issuance of a license. Department of Commerce stated this expediting language would cause a need to increase staff due to the increased time frame for processing which is not the original intention. The Department has stated they will continue to work in a timely manner to process and review occupational licenses, but the expediting language could be a burden.

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## SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

### Senate Bill 150: Military Training Credit Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 150 will help eliminate the red tape veterans face when they leave the service and seek employment or education in a field where they have been working for years. This bill directs state boards to accept relevant military education, training, and service as equivalent to some or all of the qualifications required while applying for a license or certificate. In addition, it authorizes the issuance of a temporary license or certificate for active duty service members who had an equivalent license or certificate issued in another state.

The United States Department of Defense has designated this effort as a top priority across the nation. According to their data, as of June 2011, one million veterans were unemployed and the jobless rate for post-9/11 veterans was 13.3%, with young male veterans experiencing an unemployment rate of 21.9%. Data also indicates that last year, 1,286 military members separated or retired and called Alaska home. This legislation will help those veterans find employment quicker to support their families.

When recruiting, the military highlights its educational advantages, promising young men and women that service will give them an advantage toward a college degree and a better career. However, many veterans who attend college after tours of duty are denied credit for military courses and specialized skills, forcing them to waste time taking classes on subjects they have already mastered.

Senate Bill 150 also directs the University of Alaska and Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to implement policies and procedures to accept relevant military experience as credit toward a degree or technical program.

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### Senate Bill 150: Military Training Credit

**SUBJECT:** Separating Service members are frequently delayed or denied getting post-Service employment and education credit even though they have applicable military education, training and experience which can qualify them for licenses and/or provide academic credit towards degree requirements.

**MESSAGE:** Separating Service members leave the military with documented training and experience that can prepare them for civilian employment; however, this documentation is not always used by state entities to qualify them for licenses required for their occupation or to provide them academic credit. Reported unemployment rates of separating Service members that are higher than national averages have brought attention to supporting issues such as expedited licensure and increased academic credit recognition to alleviate this problem.

**BACKGROUND:** As of June 2011, one million Veterans were unemployed and the jobless rate for post-9/11 veterans was 13.3%, with young male Veterans experiencing an unemployment rate of 21.9%.

#### SENATE BILL 150:

- Requires the Department of Commerce and Boards to accept relevant military education, training, and service as equivalent to some or all of the qualifications required while applying for a license or certificate.
- Authorizes the issuance of a temporary license or certificate for active duty service members who had an equivalent license or certificate issued by another state.
- Requires the President of the University of Alaska and Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to implement a policy and procedure for the acceptance of military education, training and service credit as academic credit toward a degree or technical program offered in the University.

**SENATE BILL NO. 150**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI

Introduced: 1/13/12

Referred: Prefiled

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to  
2 occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training  
3 requirements; and providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military  
4 service members."

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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7 **Sec. 08.01.064. Military education, training, and service credit; temporary**  
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9 board shall accept relevant military education, training, and service as equivalent to  
10 some or all of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or  
11 certificate issued under this chapter if the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of  
12 successful completion of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed  
13 forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any  
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1 (b) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the department or applicable  
2 board shall issue a license or certificate to a person who

3 (1) applies to the department or relevant board in a manner prescribed  
4 by the department or board;

5 (2) meets the requirements in AS 08.01.063(a)(3) - (6); and

6 (3) while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any  
7 state, as described in (a) of this section,

8 (A) held a current license or certificate in another state, district,  
9 or territory of the United States and has practiced in the area of the license; or

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11 technical training established by a branch of the armed forces of the United  
12 States or any state, as described in (a) of this section.

13 (c) The department or applicable board shall expedite the procedure for  
14 issuance of a license under (b) of this section.

15 (d) A license issued under (b) of this section is valid for 180 days and may be  
16 extended at the discretion of the department or applicable board for one additional  
17 180-day period if the license holder applies for an extension on a form approved by  
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31 postsecondary educational institution to provide credit toward a degree or program for

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**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 150( )**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY**

**Offered:**  
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## MEMORANDUM

January 18, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Revised sectional summary for SB 150  
(Work Order No. 27-LS1117\B)

**TO:** Senator Bill Wielechowski  
Attn: Kendra Kloster

**FROM:** Jean M. Mischel  
Legislative Counsel 

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

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## Chapter 904 - Anchorage, Alaska "An Agenda of Service"

January 19, 2012

Senator Bill Weilechowski  
Chairman  
Senate State Affairs Committee

Senator:

As you and other members of the state legislature heard during your very successful town hall meeting this winter, many members of the service, upon separation and becoming veterans basically lose any consideration for the value of the training they have received in service and the work they have done in a number of vocations for years in the most challenging of environments – combat.

This just doesn't make much sense. We must find a way for the state through its licensing programs and/or for the University of Alaska to recognize the value of both these veterans' training and service.

Your bill, SB 150 should jump start this process, and hundreds of veterans in Alaska will thank you for this. But let me also point out that 48 other State Council Presidents of VVA have been sent this bill and based on questions to me while in DC last week, there is a great deal of interest in this idea.

This is NOT to suggest that our new veterans may not need additional training to meet licensing or other civilian standards for such. But it is to strongly suggest that this experience and training should be seriously considered by the state et al.

It is critical in this time of military downsizing and international redeployments, that we make every effort in Alaska, with the highest per capita number of veterans, to welcome, enable and embrace these men and women who have walked in hell for us.

It is an honor,

*Ric Davidge*

President, VVA 904

Also: National Chairman, VVA Government Affairs Committee