

**HB**

**324**

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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 324(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LEDOUX, Millett, Vazquez

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 18.67.020(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) **The** [THERE IS THE] Violent Crimes Compensation Board **is** [IN THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION] composed of three members to be  
6 appointed by the governor. One of the members shall be designated as chair by the  
7 governor. At least one member must be a medical or osteopathic physician, **a**  
8 **physician assistant, or an advanced nurse practitioner** licensed to practice in this  
9 state or [HOLDING A] retired **from practice** [STATUS LICENSE] in this state, and  
10 one member must be an attorney licensed to practice in this state or retired from  
11 practice in this state.

AMENDMENT #

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: HB 324

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPOHNHÖLZ

stutz objects  
on both  
& removes

- 1 Page 1, line 7, following "physician":
- 2 Insert "a physician assistant,"

Amendment #1 Withdrawn (Keller)  
Amendment #2 Spohnholz A.1 passed

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## REPRESENTATIVE GABRIELLE LEDOUX

Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov

### Memorandum

Date: March 4, 2016

To: Representative Bob Lynn

From: Representative Gabrielle LeDoux *GL*

SUB: Request for Hearing – HB 324

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I respectfully request a hearing on HB 324 in the House State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience.

HB 324 alters the membership of the Violent Crimes Victim Compensation Board to allow either a doctor or a nurse practitioner to serve.

Attached you will find the following documents:

- HB 324 Version A
- HB 324 Sponsor Statement
- HB 324 Supporting Documents
  - Letters of Support

Please contact my staff, Courtney Enright at 465-4998 or [Courtney.Enright@akleg.gov](mailto:Courtney.Enright@akleg.gov) with questions.

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### HB 324 “An Act relating to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board”

#### Sponsor Statement

House Bill 324 increases board membership flexibility. The Violent Crimes Compensation Board has struggled at times to maintain an active and engaged physician as a board member. HB 324 would address this challenge by allowing the Governor to appoint either a nurse practitioner or a physician to the board.

I ask for your consideration and support of HB 324.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 324  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier: HB324-DOA-VCCB-03-18-16  
Title: VIOLENT CRIMES COMP BOARD MEMBERSHIP  
Sponsor: LEDOUX  
Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Department of Administration  
Appropriation: Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
Allocation: Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
OMB Component Number: 2694

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<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 (Operating Only)**

None								
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

<b>Change in Revenues</b>								
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial fiscal note.

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Division: Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
Approved By: Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner  
Agency: Department of Administration

Phone: (907)465-5525  
Date: 03/18/2016 08:00 AM  
Date: 03/18/16



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Representative LeDoux  
State Capitol, Room 118  
Juneau, AK 99801

March 3, 2016

Dear Representative LeDoux:

Re: House Bill, 324: An Act relating to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

I write on behalf of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board in support of House Bill 324.

I have been Chairman of the Board since 2003. The Board is comprised of three members. AS 18.67.020 currently requires that one member of the Board must be a physician. This is for good reason; the input of a physician is invaluable in assisting the board in determining whether or not a treatment was appropriate, whether the symptoms ascribed to the scope of injuries are credible, whether the length of treatment or prescription medication prescribed is reasonable etc. These are all questions we come up against, time and again.

During my tenure on the Board, there have been significant periods of time where it has been difficult to find a physician who can actively participate on the Board. For one whole year the Board had to function without an appointed physician. In two separate year-long periods, the Board had a physician in theory, but for all intents and purposes they were absentee board members. This is understandable: physicians are extremely busy people, and service on the Board is entirely voluntary. But for the Board to function effectively, three actively participating members are required (not least in order to be able to have a simple majority if there are disagreements as to the eligibility of a given).

We are currently very fortunate to have the services of Dr. George Brown, a retired pediatrician, and we look forward to several more years of his active service. However, by amending AS 18.67.020 in order to open Board membership up to advanced nurse practitioners in addition to physicians, we hope to ensure that future Boards will experience fewer problems with completing its slate of members, whilst at the same time retaining the requisite medical knowledge to ensure fully informed Board decisions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerard Godfrey".

Gerard Godfrey  
Chair, Violent Crimes Compensation Board