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flag and the playing of Taps by a bugler, if available, or by electronic recording. A funeral honors detail to perform this ceremony consists of two or more uniformed members of the armed forces, with at least one member from the service in which the deceased veteran served.

The Department of Defense maintains a toll-free telephone line (1-877-MIL-HONR) for use by funeral directors only to request honors. Family members should inform their funeral directors if they desire military funeral honors for a veteran. VA national cemetery staff can help arrange for honors during burials at VA national cemeteries. Veterans service organizations or volunteer groups may help provide honors. For more information, visit the military funeral honors Web page: <http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil/>.

Veterans' Cemeteries Administered by Other Agencies

Arlington National Cemetery: The Department of the Army administers Arlington National Cemetery. Eligibility for burial is more restrictive than at VA national cemeteries. Information may be found on the Internet <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/> or by writing to Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 22211, or calling 703-607-8585.

Department of the Interior: The Department of the Interior administers two active national cemeteries: Andersonville National Cemetery in Georgia and Andrew Johnson National Cemetery in Tennessee. Eligibility for burial is similar to VA cemetery eligibility.

State Veterans Cemeteries: Individual states operate cemeteries for veterans. Eligibility requirements may differ from those for national cemeteries. Contact the state cemetery or state veterans affairs office for additional information. To locate a state veterans cemetery, visit the Internet: <http://www.cem.va.gov/lsvc.htm>.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

SARAH PALIN, GOVERNOR

Annette Kreitzer, Commissioner

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ANCHORAGE, AK 9950
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www.state.ak.us/dmv/

February 5, 2007

The Honorable David Cuttenberg
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 418
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

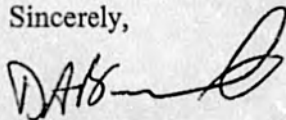
Dear Representative Guttenberg:

I received your request for information concerning the revenues associated with the Veteran License Plate programs. The following schedule shows revenues collected for FY03 through FY06, and for the first half of FY07.

	Standard Veteran License Plates	Commemorative Veteran License Plates - Original	Commemorative Veteran License Plates - Renewal
FY03	\$ 18,330	\$ 0	\$ 0
FY04	18,390	200	0
FY05	22,510	1,800	70
FY06	21,160	1,700	0
FY07 (Jul-Dec)	10,755	970	0

I hope you find this information useful. If I may be of further assistance on this, or any other DMV matter, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Duane Bannock
Director

CC: Annette Kreitzer, Commissioner, Department of Administration



February 3, 2007

The Honorable Richard Foster, Chair
Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
Alaska Capitol, Room 410
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: HB 45 (Guttenberg)--Support

Dear Chair Foster:

On behalf of the members of AARP in Alaska, we urge you and your colleagues on the House Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee to support HB 45, authored by Representative David Guttenberg and co-sponsored by Representative Andrea Doll and your Committee member Representative Bob Lynn when it comes before your Committee.

HB 45 would establish a new veterans' cemetery in the Interior. As you know, the closest military cemetery is in Anchorage yet the Fairbanks area alone has over 11,000 veterans, many of whom are AARP members.

Burial in a veterans' cemetery is one of the last honors we can offer our fellow citizens who have served in the Armed Forces. We think it is a well-deserved tribute to these men and women who served our country and a veterans' cemetery in the Interior simply makes sense. It is a proper thank you to the veterans and their families.

Undoubtedly there may be some costs associated with a new cemetery. Our veterans didn't weigh the costs when they joined the armed services. Surely we can bear the costs of this final thank-you to them.

AARP recommends an "AYE" vote on HB 45.

Should you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact me (586-3637) or Patrick Luby, AARP Advocacy Director (907-762-3314).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marie Darlin

Marie Darlin, Coordinator
AARP Capital City Task Force
415 Willoughby Avenue, Apt. 506
Juneau, AK 99801
586-3637 (voice)
463-3580 (fax)

CC: Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
Representative Bob Lynn
Representative Jay Ramras
Representative Bob Buch
Representative Mike Doogan
Representative David Guttenberg

Disabled American Veterans
Department of Alaska
Resolution #2007-01

SUPPORT FOR A POLICY FOR A STATE VETERANS CEMETARY

WHEREAS, Alaskan veterans deserve a cemetery that is located in the Interior that honors their service; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration, Alaska has more residents in the military on a per-capita basis than any other state. The Fairbanks North Star Borough has approximately 11,164 veterans; Forty percent of families in the Fairbanks area have at least one veteran in their household and sixteen percent have at least one woman in the household who is a veteran; and

WHEREAS, A State Veterans' Cemetery in the Interior would better serve needs of the veterans and their families and provide a place that is centrally located, honorable and well maintained; and

WHEREAS, The nearest officially designated military cemetery is located 350 miles North of Anchorage at Ft. Richardson; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administrations' goal is to provide eligible veterans reasonable access to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) burial options; and

WHEREAS, The VA provides a burial and funeral expense allowance of \$300 and a plot-interment allowance of \$300; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration follows a six-step process to build a new state veteran cemetery; site selection; environmental statement; land acquisition; master planning and design development; construction document preparation; and construction award and completion; and

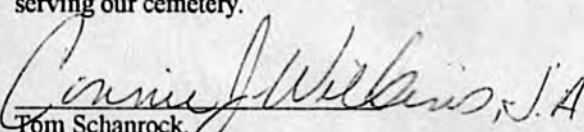
WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs can be awarded up to 100% of the development costs from the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration for an approved project; and

WHEREAS, To date, the Veterans Administration has awarded 137 grants totaling more than \$200 million to establish, expand or improve sixty-two veterans cemeteries in thirty-two states, plus Guam, Fifty-six cemeteries in twenty-one states and Guam are now operational; and

WHEREAS, According to the Division of Motor Vehicles from FY03 to FY05, \$45,040, has been generated from both the Federal and Commemorative Veterans license plate programs. The monies collected from the state license plate program currently goes into the general fund; and

WHEREAS, The construction of a state veterans cemetery in the Interior would be a great benefit to the friends and families of veterans in our community and would provide a place in the Interior for soldiers to be laid with full military funeral honors, pallbearers, rifle team, flag folding and flag presentation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Alaska, That support be given in the creation of a veterans state cemetery, as proposed in HB45, open to all veterans in the state and recognizes the veterans sacrifices while serving our cemetery.

for 
Tom Schanrock,
Department Commander



AMERICAN LEGION

C. RUSSELL HUBER POST #57

"The Friendly Post" -- Home of Happy Bears
1634 Cushman Street • Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Phone: (907) 452-5757 • Fax: (907) 452-8954

January 30, 2007

Representative David Guttenberg
State Capital
Room 418
Juneau, AK. 99801

Reference: Veterans Cemetery in Fairbanks

Dear Representative Guttenberg:

As the 2007 Legislative session begins, Veterans organizations are again requesting Legislative support for the establishment of a Veterans Cemetery in Fairbanks. You will recall that the American Legion, Department of Alaska, at their 2005 State Convention in Kodiak voted unanimously in support of that cemetery. Most noteworthy is that the resolution calling for a new veteran's cemetery came from our Anchorage American Legion comrades who recognized the only existing veteran's cemetery in Alaska is located at Fort Richardson.

We have met with Federal Veterans Affairs officials, State Veterans Affairs personnel, American Legion Posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Alaska Native Veterans, members of the Order of The Purple Heart and other veterans organizations who all strongly support your bill to establish a second veterans cemetery to serve the desperate need for a final resting ground for those many who have served our country in times of war and peace.

The need for a new veteran's cemetery is urgent as the few veterans' sites available will soon be filled with no provision existing for veteran's grave anywhere in the interior.

Please share this letter with other members of the Legislature.

For God and Country,

Darrell Peterson, Commander

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2 By: Luke Hopkins
3 Hank Bartos
4 Introduced: 03/24/05
5 Adopted: 03/24/05
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7 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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9 RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 15
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11 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A STATE VETERANS'
12 CEMETERY IN THE INTERIOR THROUGH LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHES AN
13 ALASKAN VETERANS CEMETERY WITH FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
14 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) STATE CEMETERY GRANTS PROGRAM.
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16 WHEREAS, Alaskan veterans deserve a cemetery that is located in the
17 Interior that honors their service; and
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19 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs National
20 Cemetery Administration, Alaska has more residents in the military on a per-capita
21 basis than any other state. There are approximately 11,164 veterans living in the
22 Fairbanks North Star Borough; and
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24 WHEREAS, the nearest officially designated military cemetery is located in
25 Anchorage at Fort Richardson Army base; and
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27 WHEREAS, the VA National Cemetery Administration follows a 6-step
28 process to build a new state veterans cemetery: site selection; environmental
29 assessment; land acquisition; master planning and design development; construction
30 documents preparation; and construction award and completion; and
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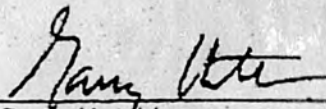
32 WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs can
33 be awarded up to 100 percent of the development costs from the VA State Cemetery
34 Grants Program for an approved project and the VA has awarded 137 grants to
35 establish and improve veterans cemeteries around the country; and
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37 WHEREAS, a State Veterans' Cemetery in the Interior would better serve
38 needs of the veterans and their families, and provide a place that is centrally located,
39 honorable, and would provide a place in the Interior for soldiers to be laid with full
40 military funeral honors, pallbearers, rifle team, flag folding, and flag presentation; and
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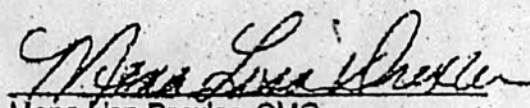
42 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairbanks North Star
43 Borough Assembly supports the creation of a State Veterans' Cemetery in the Interior
44 and recognizes veterans' sacrifices while serving our country.
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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be
47 forwarded to The Honorable Governor Frank Murkowski, the Alaska Interior Delegation,
48 members of the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Major General Craig E.
49 Campbell Adjutant General/Commissioner, Military and Veterans Affairs, The Honorable
50 Senator Ted Stevens, the Honorable Senator Lisa Murkowski, the Honorable
51 Congressman Don Young.

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53 PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2005.
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Garry Hutchison
Presiding Officer

ATTEST: :


Mona Lisa Drexler, CMC
Municipal Borough Clerk

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56 Ayes: Romans, Bartos, Sattley, Rex, Williams, Hopkins, Aldridge, Frank, Hutchison
57 Noes: None

SCOMM

149:3

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

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
☐ add new referral to _____ Committee
☐ Letter of Intent _____ Committee

**List of
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for
Depts.:**

NEW FISCAL NOTES

*Assigned by Chief Clerk's Office

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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES

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Signing with recommendations

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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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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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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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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

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)

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)

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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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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

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

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"
- 4
- 5 Page 3, line 5:
- 6 Delete "or child"

Disaster Relief Fund could use help

Emergency Response Unit: Management Office:

Alaska Youth Academy

March 3rd 10:00am

"Operation Stand Down"

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)

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
Families

RDU

Component

Sponsor

Requester Representative (s) Thomas, Kerttula

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
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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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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
Division: University of Alaska

Approved by: Pat Pitney
Agency: University of Alaska

Phone 450-8187

Date/Time 2/12/07 11:00 AM

Date 2/12/2007

CORRECTION

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT(S)
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ASSURE LEGIBILITY OR PAGINATION



Rev. 6/98

Central Microfilm Services
Department of Education & Early Development
State of Alaska

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)**

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 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						
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 (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)

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.

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 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

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 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.

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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



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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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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

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		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,

Tracy Oman
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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.

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AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM

TO: HB 184

1 Page 1, line 1, following "plate":

2 Insert "and to license plates available to disabled veterans"

3

4 Page 1, following line 3:"

5 Insert a new bill section to read:

6 **"* Section 1.** AS 28.10.181(d) is amended to read:

7 (d) Vehicles owned by veterans with disabilities, including persons disabled in
8 the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with
9 disabilities. Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the
10 ability to walk, as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one
11 motor vehicle in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue a specially
12 designed registration plate that displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the
13 applicant's disability originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial
14 Guard or the armed forces of the United States; (B) the international symbol of
15 accessibility (the wheelchair logo); and (C) if the applicant is a veteran, the Alaska and
16 United States flags and red, white, and blue colors. A person who is not otherwise
17 qualified under this subsection, but who meets the qualifications of a disabled veteran
18 under AS 29.45.030(i), may register one motor vehicle without charge, and the
19 department shall issue a specially designed registration plate that displays recognition
20 of the disabled veteran that does not display the international symbol of accessibility
21 and does not carry with it special parking privileges. A disabled veteran who
22 otherwise qualifies for a registration plate under this subsection may elect to
23 receive ~~no charge~~, a plate under (p) or (q) of this section for which the person

1 is otherwise qualified that does not display the international symbol of
2 accessibility and does not carry with it special parking privileges. For purposes of
3 this subsection, proof of disability may be provided by a person licensed as a
4 physician or physician assistant under AS 08.64 or as an advanced nurse practitioner
5 under AS 08.68."
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7 Page 1, line 4:

8 Delete "**Section 1**"

9 Insert "**Sec. 2**"

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11 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR HB 184

BY: Representative Bob Roses

TITLE: "An Act relating to a commemorative troops license plate; and providing for an effective date."

House Bill 184 action brings the Support Our Troops license plate to Alaska, sponsored by Support Our Troops®. SOT® will soon have caused the issuance of Official Support Our Troops plates in some 40 states, with around 20 being completed in 2006 (many unanimously by their Legislatures), and the necessities in place for issuance in about 16 more in 2007, including: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

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I urge your support of this legislation.

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Sectional Analysis for HB 184

BY: Representative Bob Roses

TITLE: "An Act relating to a commemorative troops license plate; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1. Adds a new section (x) to AS 28.10.181 designating that special request plates commemorating and supporting troops. It allows that the commissioner (of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development shall determine the design and color of the plates. This section allows the department to disapprove the issuance of plates and for the substitution of alternative language.

Section 2. Adds a new section (17) to AS 28.10.421(d) outlining the fee amounts and the regularity of the collection. It further states that the funds may be appropriated by the legislature to Support Our Troops, Inc. for the benefit of the troops and their families in accordance with its articles of incorporation and bylaws.

Section 3. This section states the bill will take effect on July 1, 2007.



Support Our Troops, Inc.

Disbursement Methodology Policy

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS 9-20-2005, REVISED 8-25-06

Background

It is SOT policy to make distributions to the maximum extent possible by using local Disbursement Boards and by using existing military charitable entities, coupled with a set of disbursement priorities. It is SOT's preference to only occasionally make direct distributions to individual recipients, unless that method is deemed best for purposes of local officials. SOT prefers to function as a revenue-generating organization, and have the functions of determination of entitlement and need performed by local Disbursement Boards and by existing military charitable entities, all based on a set of disbursement priorities.

Guiding Principal

SOT is trying to meet the worst needs first based on the Western principal of women and children first.

Disbursement Boards

One or more local Disbursement Boards are being established in each state as the best method of promptly and privately meeting the needs of the local troops and their families with immediate local knowledge.

The local Disbursement Boards will be constituted from designees of the various services, and will serve without compensation as adjunct duties to their normal duties in their services. These designees may be assembled from assistance disbursement officers, readiness officers, and the like, from within each service, because they know their local families and troops, who needs assistance, and are most likely to have a relationship with the applicable branches or agencies. They will have current local knowledge which alleviates delays and problems created by the privacy act. The local Disbursement Boards will follow guidelines regarding determination of entitlement, degree of need, and procedure. They will make decisions using those guidelines, forms and procedures. SOT may adopt and use existing application forms and procedures familiar to service members from within the services. The local Disbursement Boards may also disburse based on pre-screened and qualified recipients referred to them by other military charities and agencies in accordance with these procedures. The local Disbursement Boards will be lodged with the military charities as a referral resource.

This methodology enables SOT to promptly meet the needs of local troops and their families, because the local Disbursement Board has immediate local personal knowledge of who needs what. They are comprised of local faces that the troops and

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- from our families to their families -

This action brings the **Support Our Troops** license plate to Alaska, sponsored by Support Our Troops®. SOT® will soon have caused the issuance of Official **Support Our Troops** plates in some 40 states, with around 20 being completed in 2006 (many unanimously by their Legislatures), and the necessities in place for issuance in about 16 more in 2007, including: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

Founded by civilians as a concrete statement of thanks to the troops for their service, Support Our Troops® is a 501(c)(3) national public-benefit charity group dedicated to assisting the troops and their families in the century to come. SOT is the embodiment of the moral obligation of those of us who do not serve, to those who do. It is civilians voluntarily offering what is morally owed. The purpose of SOT is to facilitate public displays of support for America's troops through various means, and to raise money to *actually* help them by financially bolstering their families post September 11, 2001. SOT provides simple means through which America's families can protect the integrity of their troops' families, while the troops are off protecting all of our families -- whether in a peacekeeping mission, a war, or a hurricane, flood, or other disaster. SOT's business model is to create recurring revenue streams so that its promises to the families can be dependable.

To date, Support Our Troops holds the registered trademark Support Our Troops® at the federal level and in 44 states. This enables SOT to focus on the troops' families revenue from manufacture and licensing of apparel, decorative magnets, stickers, pins, jewelry, accessories, charitable fundraising, special events, and the like. SOT expects that by the end of 2008 all of its various activities will annually produce about \$15-\$20 million in non-profit revenue nationwide for the troops and their families.

The Honorable Sonny Montgomery, "the soldier's soldier", and the author of the renowned Montgomery G.I. Bill, when joining the Support Our Troops Board of Advisors, wrote "Support Our Troops has a truly bold vision of good things planned for our troops and their families over the next century, and I wholeheartedly endorse these efforts and encourage others to work with [them] as well. This is a civilian organization involved in a major effort to forever put the civilians of our great nation behind their troops. I think it is a healthy thing for civilian run organizations to be openly behind their troops, because such an effort cannot be accomplished by government agencies, veteran groups or even the military itself with the same efficiency, responsiveness, and enthusiasm as a private organization can provide. Civilians are best suited to motivating other civilians for the sake of our troops and veterans. Support Our Troops, Inc., is well-organized, includes veterans in its management, and I am well acquainted with the trustworthiness of people in it."

SOT is one of the safest national charities, with checks and balances in place that include among others: annual supervision by each of about 35 state Attorneys General and Auditors General across America; independent accounting firm dischargeable only by whole Board of Directors; annual reporting and review in each of about 35 states on Form 990; IRS-approved Conflict of Interest Policy; certain legal matters handled by Arnold & Porter and Baker & McKenzie.

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from our families to their families

Who Started SOT® and Why.

The enemy may compel a soldier to leave his family, but they will not steal his family's future. Support Our Troops® was founded by civilians as a concrete statement of thanks to the troops for their service in the century to come. Support Our Troops® is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical, patriotic family organization aimed at protecting the integrity of the troops and their families. SOT® is a 501(c)(3) public purpose national nonprofit dedicated to permanently assisting the troops and their families after September 11, 2001. It is the embodiment of the moral obligation of those who do not serve, to those who do -- voluntarily offering what is morally owed. It is our families stepping up to watch out for the families of the troops who are off protecting all our families. We are average folks bannng together to help our neighbors who are protecting all of us. We do for those who do for us.

General Montgomery.

The Honorable Sonny Montgomery, "the soldier's soldier", the veteran's veteran, and the author of the renowned Montgomery G.I. Bill, was the seminal member of the Support Our Troops Board of Advisors. Upon joining, he wrote, "Support Our Troops has a truly bold vision of good things planned for our troops and their families over the next century, and I wholeheartedly endorse these efforts and encourage others to work with you and the board as well. This is a civilian organization involved in a major effort to forever put the civilians of our great nation behind their troops. I think it is a healthy thing for civilian run organizations to be openly behind their troops, because such an effort cannot be accomplished by government agencies, veteran groups or even the military itself with the same efficiency, responsiveness, and enthusiasm as a private organization can provide. Civilians are best suited to motivating other civilians for the sake of our troops and veterans. Support Our Troops, Inc., is well-organized, includes veterans in its management, and I am well acquainted with the trustworthiness of people in it."

Safety

As a nation-wide charity, checks and balances in place including among others: strictly independent accounting, dischargeable only by full Board of Directors, and the principal of which is a veteran); annual reporting and review in each of 35 states on Form 990; IRS Conflict of Interest Policy; subject annual audit by each of over 35 state Attorney Generals or Auditor Generals; legal matters handled by Arnold & Porter, Baker & McKenzie, Holland & Knight.



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It's All About Family.

Support Our Troops, Inc. is engaged in an immense project for our troops and their families. In short, we are going to help keep our troops' families intact while their parent(s) are engaged in protecting our families, whether it is a peacekeeping mission, a war, or hurricane, flood, or disaster. We want to help pay for education, medical, home needs, emergency transportation, and the like -- the kinds of things that dad or mom could do if they were home. It is not about "war". It is not about "military." It is about family. All of SOT's imagery is built around a parent and child, around family. Positive. Happy. Fun. We are fortunate to have some of Disney's® artist helping us on their personal time.

From Our Families to Their Families.

All of our programs are designed to enable average American families to take care of America's troops' families. This is one of the highest of moral obligations -- bolstering the families of those who are protecting our families. All of our programs both enable people to publicly state their support for their troops, while producing millions annually in *patriotic private money* to bolster the troops and families who are sacrificing to protect all of us. We provide simple direct means by which our families can look out for their families.

The Support Our Troops License Plate Program.

A large component of our program is causing the issuance of official DMV-issued *Support Our Troops!* license plates by the 50 states. Many Legislatures have approved the plate for us unanimously. These plates enable Americans to display their appreciation for our brave men and women and to make a significant annually recurring financial donation to assist their families through the purchase of the plate.

Subsidiaries.

We have approximately 24 subsidiary charities around the US, all bearing the SUPPORT OUR TROOPS® name and all granted registration as an authorized charity with their state Attorneys General and Secretaries of State. Because we handle state license plate revenue, and in some states are even required to collect motor vehicle license plate revenue for the state and remit it to them, we are likely the most heavily monitored and therefore safest charity in America. Also, a number of states elected officials hold positions on their state's Board of Directors and act as officers of the corporation, or on the Board of Advisors. We handle as much of the administration as possible out of the central office to keep overhead down and maximize the benefits that end up with the troops' families.

Virtual Chapter for Each State.



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Modern habits indicate that those interested in working with Support Our Troops® are best served through an continuous internet meeting place rather than physical meeting places. Our goal is to maximize the amount of money that is raised and passed on to the beneficiaries, not build brick and mortar. This approach removes the travel distances for members of a statewide chapter, removes the overhead cost, is faster, and allows fuller, faster participation for everyone. We want to avoid fragmentation and duplication of administration which draws off funds that could go to the beneficiaries. Therefore using the modern internet we are creating virtual chapters in which members of each state chapter primarily interact through their state website page. Setting up physical meeting places and schedules would require facilities and coordination which would needlessly consume money. Each chapter would require internal operating funds which would take money from beneficiaries. Eventually annual meetings of all chapters would be suggested, which would take more funds. The costs would exceed the beneficial services physical meeting of local chapters could perform.

Internet Portal Site and the Association.

Between February and April 2007 the website is being completely rebuilt into an interactive community portal site using an entirely different operating system. Generally stated, the Association site will be part of existing supportthem.com site. Until the rebuild is completed the site may be best viewed by logging on through www.SupportThem.com/frontpage. The Association area will open from the existing "Join the Support Our Troops Association" page on the front page. On each existing state page matters specific and germane to that state and cities therein will be posted on an Association area that is added to the bottom of the state page. There will be a button they can click that allows them to add an event or additional group. We will be acquiring volunteer state page monitors and editors, just like Wikipedia.com does. These are essential to keeping out spammers. Among other things, members will be able to:

- Post a rally
- Post good news
- Post a fundraiser
- Post a special project which needs assistance.
- Post information about news coverage and whether fair or not.
- Post a good email people might want to clip and forward
- Make general patriotic postings
- Coverage of good press / bad press coverage of our troops. i.e., is your local media treating the troops fairly?
- Trouble flying your flag? (news and where to write when people are harassed for flying the flag)
- Trouble showing your patriotism? (news and where to write when people are harassed for wearing a shirt at school, etc.)



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Links to services that enable people to send emails to the troops

Create user groups like Yahoo® user groups.

Ability to specify membership categories like "VMI", "Blue Star" and the like so that people that have a common connection can then communicate with their peers for various reasons and specific projects.

Etc.

The Seal of Assurance Program.

Confusion abounds. Information is isolated and not findable. Many people call us for information about legitimate charities. There is great uncertainty and confusion about charities for the troops. Yellow ribbons show support, but who is getting the money? People are very uncertain as to which are legitimate and which are not. Therefore a great deal of money is lost because people "almost give" due to fear of being conned. While a few unknown sites collate small limited lists, none examine a charity against a list of objective criteria and render a decision as to whether it is trustworthy and reasonably benefits the troops.

Therefore Support Our Troops® holds the role as accreditor for troop-related charities and as they are approved will authorize their use of the Seal of Assurance™. The fee is \$1 a year. No one had thought of this before. No one had done it. So SOT did.



The Support Our Troops® Seal of Assurance™ is intended to assist troop-related charities and organizations in eliminating donor uncertainty by examining and accrediting all troop-related charities and organizations in regard to whether they appropriately benefit the troops and/or their families. Another aspect of Seal of Assurance™ program is designed to help stop parasites who would profit off the backs of our troops with products that do nothing financially for the troops. This program employs a mark (like the UL® seal or the Good Housekeeping seal) on goods which assures people that they are legitimately licensed and an appropriate amount of the royalties are going to the troops and their families.

Charity Index

Most states are printing our web address on the *Support Our Troops!* license plates. We are requiring it on licensed products. Participants in the Seal of Assurance™ are required to link to an automatic participant verifier page on our website. Therefore the SOT website will have a great deal of traffic and will be perceived as "official." We are therefore able to provide another badly needed and highly useful service: a consolidated living list of all of the charities and organizations anywhere that do anything that benefits the active duty troops and/or their families. There will also be a



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warning list as to identified bad ones, phishing sites, and the like. This data base is being structured so that charities in each state will be listed on that state's Association area of the site. When people log on, they can see what the group is doing, where they are located, how to contact them what they need or offer. People can link up and help each other. Churches or groups can post things they need for packages. People who want to help assemble packages or otherwise do something can find places to do so. Users will be able to search or sort the database to find the exact thing charity in which they are interested. People will be able to log on with their user name and password (free entry level) and add a charity, organization, or event which benefits the troops or their families. To the left of each will be a cell into which we will place the Seal of Assurance™ if they participate in that program.

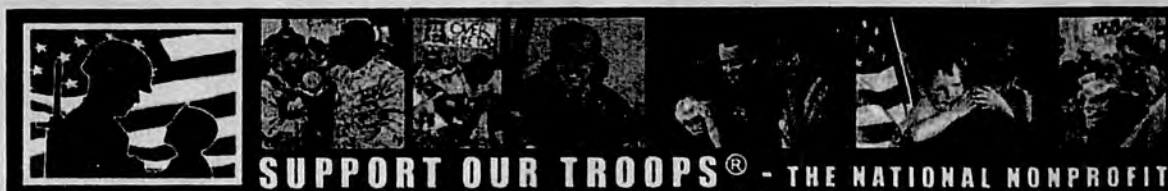
Business Model.

The business model of Support Our Troops® is to create recurring revenue streams. We have launched a nationwide program of *Support Our Troops!* license plates to enable people to show their support for and make a recurring contribution to bolster the families of those protect all of us. The name has been branded which allows for creation of many recurring revenue streams from products and services using it. The model is to *not* create a hat-in-hand charity. The goal is to create a company with an image that is vigorous and cool for kids and products that are sought after and in which people care to be routinely seen whether or not we are at conflict. The goal is to build a charity that endures for a hundred years, which has a marketable national identity, and has multiple revenue sources for stability. We are building for permanency and long term health. When we look a parent in the eye and tell them their kid is going to college, both they and we will know our word is good.

Local Organization

Our first effort in each state is to cause the plates to be issued. While doing so we begin putting local organization infrastructure in place so that local people have a means by which to get involved and run this at the local level. In preparation for, or during that process, we make good local connections and encounter people and groups who earnestly want to help the troops and are glad to find Support Our Troops® as a trustworthy means through which they can do so. Once the plate is issued we start radio and TV PSAs and other advertising. This usually attracts more people who have been looking for something like this. So along the way we set up two participation vehicles.

Board of Advisors. Support Our Troops, Inc. establishes a Board of Advisors for the state. This approach enables notable and connected persons to participate with their peers in an orderly manner, present themselves to the public with a recognized capacity when such is necessary, yet remain free of the



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responsibility and liability of being a corporate director. Some local boards now have legislators, lobbyists, and corporate executives on them. There is not a fixed number of positions for the Board of Advisors. The trick will be for each state's locals to eventually blend both political figures, top people from the top local businesses, local major sports figures, and the like together onto the Board. Since the Board of Advisors is not a corporate directorship with all of the bother about liability and control, as many top people as wish can freely participate. The Board could have 10 members, it could have 60. It will evolve to where they decide on and throw their weight behind a local fundraising event, such as a golf tournament, fishing tournament, sporting clay tournament, or the like. And then the general public members of the Support Our Troops Association pitch in to handle the organization and execution work.

Association. To involve the general public, SOT® formed the Americans Support Our Troops Association, Inc. The All-American entry level is free. People are members of their state chapter of the Association. This will function as a virtual community through the SOT open architecture website, with local people able to post bulletins and notices about local events, resources, and the like on their state page. This website feature should be fully active by 12-31-06. It is intended to be a single-source reference point and clearinghouse for local information for local active duty troops, local vet groups, local charities, and information efforts to help the troops such as putting packages together to send them and the like. There is a free entry level membership, and several higher levels, as well as the ability for a club (such as a VSO, a Post, Rotary, etc) to have an affiliate membership in the Association as a club to show support, and the ability for a business to have a corporate membership.

Having caused the issuance of the same plate in so many states makes Support Our Troops® distinct. The local Boards can use that to interconnect SOT with as many local companies, sponsors, and events as they can think of to raise money for the troops and their families.

Veterans Groups (VSOs)

We are using the brand name Support Our Troops® as an open source conduit to facilitate as much as we can for all other groups. Key is that we are working very closely and hard to draw attention to and build the membership of VSOs, (Veterans Service Organizations). One of the key things Support Our Troops® wants to do is help promote each state's VSOs to the public and the returning troops, draw their attention to the VSOs, and help make the public and recently returned servicemen and servicewomen aware of what they can find with each organization. Traffic through our website is now growing rapidly. We are using that to promote and call attention to



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VSOs, tell visitors briefly what each VSO can offer them, and send them along to the local VSOs through links to their sites or contact information. This is part of our mission and there is of course no charge for such a thing. We figure the price has already been paid. The object is to use the internet to its full potential by using our website to drive traffic, and hopefully members, to each state's VSOs.

Support Our Troops® is also knitting itself in with all of the VSOs in order to be of benefit to them. We hold joint fundraising events with different posts. We refer returning soldiers to them to enable them to talk to someone who has been there. We organize special events, such as Patriot Rides, to call attention to both troops and veterans. While Support Our Troops is lead by people who have not served, it is filled at the national and state levels with veterans in all management and operational levels. SOT can be a real asset and good partner and earnestly seeks to develop very close productive ties with the VSOs in each state for mutual enjoyment and benefit.

The Support Our Troops Association

SOT has founded the Americans Support Our Troops Association in order to provide a healthy direct connection between American civilians and their troops. The entry level membership is free, and there are several levels of paying memberships. Between February and April 2007 the website is being completely rebuilt into an interactive community portal site in which Members will be able to log on with their user name and password, and post notices on their state page about events that are happening for the troops, fundraisers, local charities, groups or churches that are putting together packages for the troops and what is needed and where to contact people locally. They will be able to assemble into subgroups and set up areas in which to interact to work on special projects. It will be an immensely useful single source portal for local interaction. On our website each state will have a page on which people can list rallies, events, and fundraisers, or provide information about organizations that troop's families can look to for assistance. Each state's web page will also have lists of all of the VSOs in the state, and all state agencies which help the troops and veterans.

The generally-stated purposes of ASOTA are to facilitate public displays of support for America's troops and to raise money to bolster the troops and the families of troops sacrificing to protect America after September 11, 2001, and ASOTA is established to facilitate that end. The objectives of ASOTA are to enable Americans to do the following for their troops and their families and survivors:

- Bolster them.
- Distribute useful news and information among themselves.
- Organize and facilitate approved supportive rallies and events.
- Spread the word about the Support Our Troops Seal of Assurance™ program.
- Spread the word about rallies.



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- Organize and facilitate approved fundraisers for Support Our Troops, Inc. (SOT).
- Pursue approved positive media support and positive coverage for SOT, the troops, and their families.
- Facilitate public displays of patriotism.
- Encourage patriotism in others by example.
- Facilitate people's gathering and sharing their support and enthusiasm.
- Facilitate charitable fundraising through a Support Our Troops affinity credit card program.
- Exchange information about news coverage.
- Exchange supportive email messages.
- Coordinate supportive activities for the troop's families.

National Board of Advisors

In addition to the Board of Advisors in each state, SOT has a national Board of Advisors for national level figures. Every successful great project has Mentors who provide invaluable guidance, have charted similar courses before, know how to avoid the shoals, where lies the fairest wind, and which ships are friendly. These mentors are the people who are able to make good things happen quickly. From Homers' Odyssey in antiquity to the present, these keystone individuals are those who provide wise advice, build bridges, locate funding, make connections and open doors to make great things happen for good causes. The Support Our Troops National Board of Advisors comprises just such magnanimous individuals. They offer their wisdom to assist the greater good, and are shepherding this project to success for the benefit of America's troops and their families. The directors of Support Our Troops are fortunate enough to benefit from the wisdom, counsel and assistance of these key advisors. The Board is being grown with high profile people from various industry categories, including Executive Members, Business Members, Sports Members, Military Members, Entertainment Industry Members, and so forth. The Board's first member was Sonny Montgomery, author of the G.I. Bill. In fact, it is actually named The Montgomery G.I. Bill. We do not anticipate that the Board of Advisors is going to tie itself up with frequent meetings and formalities. The principal purpose of the Advisors is to provide strategic business planning advice and occasionally help open a door or make a connection when Support Our Troops works to put together a rock concert, golf tournament, and other event to benefit the troops and their families. Referrals of such people for this Board will be greatly appreciated.



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CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
TO: CS HB 184 (MLV)

BY REP. MEYER

1 **Page 2, line 15**

2 After "of"

3 Delete "Support Our Troops, Inc"

4 Insert "Armed Services YMCA of Alaska"

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6 **Page 2, line 16**

7 After "with"

8 Delete "Support Our Troops, Inc."

9 Insert "Armed Services YMCA of Alaska"

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11 **Page 2, line 20-21**

12 After "with"

13 Delete all material

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15 **Page 2, line 31-Page 3, line 1**

16 After "to"

17 Delete "Support Our Troops, Inc., for the benefit of the troops and their
18 families in accordance with its articles of incorporation and bylaws"

19 Insert "Armed Services YMCA of Alaska for the benefit of Alaska troops
20 and their families located in Alaska."

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Sponsor Statement House Bill 210 - Adjutant General Qualifications

House Bill 210, "An act relating to the appointment and qualifications of the adjutant general," is before us to bring attention to the importance of guard duty in relation to its leadership.

In recent years, the Alaska National Guard has undergone major changes. It has seen organizational restructure, increased deployment responsibility and additional missions at home. With the amplified demand for the Alaska National Guard, it is imperative for our state's adjutant general be adequately qualified.

House Bill 210's intent is to positively impact troop morale by appointing leaders who have shared similar experiences and walked in their shoes. Knowing their leader has been down a similar path will create a deeper respect within the troops.

The National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. is considering an increase in rank for the bureau chief, from three-star to four-star. Increasing the rank from major general to lieutenant general will give the Alaska National Guard a jump start on this initiative and make our adjutant general more qualified and better received when working with issues back in Washington, D.C. An increase in rank will not impact the state budget and will not increase the adjutant general's salary as a state employee.

It is important to note this legislation does not limit the power of the Governor to appoint a viable candidate as Adjutant General/Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. This legislation is supported by the Administration and I ask for the favorable consideration of the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs Committee.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Dept. Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs

Title Qualifications of the Adjutant General

RDU Military and Veterans Affairs

Component Commissioners Office

Sponsor Representative Dahlstrom

Requester Military & Veterans Affairs

Component No. 414

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						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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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

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

POSITIONS

Full-time	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Date 3/23/2007

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FURTHER REFERRALS: State Affairs

Date of Committee Action: March 29, 2007

The HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS considered: HB 210

HOUSE BILL NO. 210

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

"An Act relating to the appointment and qualifications of the adjutant general."

Recommends it be replaced with [] HCS or [] CS for _____ ()

For Senate Bills with new title: ☐ Technical Title ☐ New Title: HCR ☐ Same Title ☐ New Title

- [] attach amendments
[] add new referral to _____ Committee
[] Letter of Intent _____ Committee

**List of
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March 28, 2008

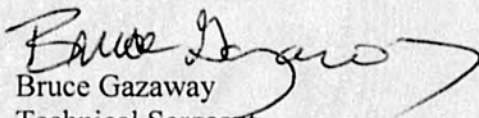
To the House of Representatives:

House Bill 210 is an important measure and we urge your support to pass this bill.

As a member of the Alaska National Guard for 25 years, I believe that troop morale and well being is higher when an Adjutant General comes from the ranks of the Alaska National Guard. When a person has at least five years experience with an organization one gains a knowledge and understanding of where we have come from and where we need to go.

It has been difficult in the past when an Adjutant General has had no Alaska National Guard experience. Without a clear understanding of the state and the responsibilities of the Alaska National Guard, Adjutant Generals can drive enlisted Soldiers and Airmen to leave the organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bruce Gazaway", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bruce Gazaway
Technical Sergeant
Alaska Air National Guard

PROPOSAL FOR A STATE OF ALASKA RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS IN ALASKA STATUTE AS.26.05.160. FOR APPOINTMENT AS
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

BACKGROUND: Currently in the State of Alaska, the Governor is essentially free to appoint nearly anyone he/she chooses to be The Adjutant General for Alaska, the highest military position of the Alaska National Guard. At the same time, the requirements for appointment of the two (Army and Air Guard) Assistant Adjutant Generals, require that they have served at least five (5) years in the Alaska National Guard, be able to be Federally recognized as General Officers, and other specific statutory and regulatory requirements.

This creates both a real and perceived disparity between two militarily qualified General Officers and their potential immediate military leader that is unacceptable. Also, someone who has no knowledge of the Alaska National Guard tends to spend most of their time just trying to learn about our capabilities and challenges, the Alaska military and political environments and the State military needs. This is contrary to someone who has come from within the organization. Also, the military training, experience, schooling requirements to include the War College are intense and cumulative to achieve the level of General Officer in today's National Guard. Someone who has not served in the higher military ranks also should not be considered to be placed in a military command position at the level of Adjutant General.

PROPOSED ACTION;

Due to our overwhelming support for HB 210, we recommend immediate passage, support and swift approval throughout the legislative process on this action.



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From a resolution at the Annual General Business meeting.

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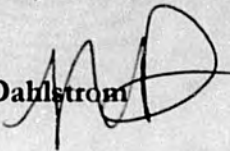
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Bob Roses, Chairman of Department of Military & Veteran Affairs

FROM: Representative Nancy Dahlstrom 

DATE: March 23, 2007

SUBJECT: Hearing Request

I respectfully request a hearing on House Bill 210, "An act relating to the appointment and qualifications of the adjutant general," at the committee's earliest convenience.

Thank you.