

SENATE BILL NO. 184

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BY SENATOR MCGUIRE

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to members and veterans of the military services, including the**
2 **Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service and the National**
3 **Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 18.50.320 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 18.50.320. Copies of data from vital records.** Except as otherwise
7 provided and in accordance with the regulations adopted under AS 18.50.310,

8 (1) the bureau and the custodian of permanent local records shall, upon
9 request, issue a certified copy of a certificate or record in their custody, or a part of it;
10 each copy issued must show the date of registration or recording, and copies issued
11 from records marked "delayed," "amended," or "court order" shall be similarly marked
12 and must show the effective date;

13 (2) a certified copy of a certificate or a part of it issued in accordance
14 with (1) of this section is considered the original for all purposes and is prima facie

1 evidence of the facts stated; however, the evidentiary value of a certificate or record
 2 filed more than one year after the event, or a record that has been amended, or a
 3 presumptive death certificate, shall be determined by the judicial or administrative
 4 body or official before whom the certificate is offered as evidence;

5 (3) the National Office of Vital Statistics may be furnished the copies
 6 or data it requires for national statistics if the bureau is reimbursed for the cost of
 7 furnishing the data; the National Office of Vital Statistics may not use the data for
 8 purposes other than statistical purposes unless authorized by the state registrar;

9 (4) federal, state, local, and other public or private agencies, upon
 10 request, may be furnished copies or data for statistical purposes on the terms or
 11 conditions prescribed by the bureau;

12 (5) a person or agency may not prepare or issue a certificate or part of
 13 a certificate that purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a certificate of
 14 birth, death, fetal death, or marriage, except as authorized in this chapter or the
 15 regulations adopted under it;

16 (6) upon request, the bureau shall furnish a copy of a certificate or
 17 record registered by the bureau to the child support services agency created in
 18 AS 25.27.010, or the child support enforcement agency of another state, for child
 19 support purposes authorized under law; such a certificate or record that is prepared or
 20 maintained in an electronic data base may be supplied by providing the requesting
 21 agency with a copy of the electronic certificate or record and a statement certifying its
 22 contents;

23 (7) the bureau shall issue up to four certified copies of the death
 24 certificate of a veteran without charge; under this paragraph, certified copies of a
 25 veteran's death certificate are available without charge only to a qualified person; in
 26 this paragraph,

27 (A) "qualified person" means an individual who is

28 (i) a personal representative of the veteran's estate;

29 (ii) a trustee of a revocable trust of which the veteran
 30 was the settlor; or

31 (iii) a person who needs a certified copy of the veteran's

1 death certificate for the purpose of satisfying an eligibility requirement
2 for a benefit related to the death of the veteran;

3 (B) "veteran" means an individual who was

4 (i) on active duty at the time of the veteran's death or
5 had received an honorable or general discharge from a branch of the
6 armed services of the United States, the National Guard, a reserve unit
7 of the United States armed services, **the Commissioned Corps of the**
8 **United States Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and**
9 **Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps,** the
10 Alaska Scouts, the Alaska Territorial Guard, or the Alaska Naval
11 Militia; and

12 (ii) a resident of the state at the time of the individual's
13 death.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.55.470(4) is amended to read:

15 (4) "veteran" means a person

16 (A) honorably separated from the **uniformed services**
17 [MILITARY SERVICE] of the United States who has at any time resided
18 continuously for at least one year in the state, and who served in the
19 **uniformed services** [ARMED FORCES] of the United States for at least 90
20 days or whose service was for less than 90 days because of injury or disability
21 incurred in the line of duty,

22 (i) between September 16, 1940, and July 25, 1947;

23 (ii) between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955;

24 (iii) between August 4, 1964, and November 7, 1975;

25 (iv) between August 2, 1990, and January 2, 1992;

26 (v) beginning September 11, 2001, and ending on the
27 day prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law as the last date
28 of Operation Iraqi Freedom; or

29 (vi) during any of the time periods listed in 5 U.S.C.
30 2108(1);

31 (B) who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard for at least 90

1 days or whose service was for less than 90 days because of injury or disability
 2 incurred in the line of duty, and who has at any time resided continuously for
 3 at least one year in the state;

4 (C) who is the spouse or widow or widower of a person
 5 described under (A) or (B) of this paragraph.

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.55.470 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

7 (5) "uniformed services" means the armed forces of the United States,
 8 the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, and the National
 9 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

10 * **Sec. 4.** AS 18.56.101 is amended to read:

11 **Sec. 18.56.101. Eligibility for veterans' interest rates.** The following persons
 12 are eligible veterans for the purposes of AS 18.56.098(f) and (g):

13 (1) a person who served in the armed forces of the United States for 90
 14 days or more, or whose service was for less than 90 days because of injury or
 15 disability incurred in the line of duty, after April 6, 1917, whose discharge was under
 16 honorable conditions;

17 (2) the widow or widower of a member of the **uniformed services**
 18 **[ARMED FORCES]** or an eligible veteran if the member or veteran served in the
 19 **uniformed services** **[ARMED FORCES]** for at least 90 days after April 6, 1917, and
 20 the veteran's discharge was under honorable conditions; **in this paragraph,**
 21 **"uniformed services" means the armed forces of the United States, the**
 22 **Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, and the**
 23 **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer**
 24 **Corps;**

25 (3) a person who has served for not less than five years in the Alaska
 26 Army National Guard, or the Alaska Air National Guard, or a reserve unit of the
 27 United States armed forces if the reserve unit required, as a minimum, one weekend
 28 each month of duty and 15 consecutive days of active duty training each year and

29 (A) whose discharge was under honorable conditions; or

30 (B) who is currently in an active status in the guard or a reserve
 31 unit;

1 (4) a person who has served as a **regular or reserve** commissioned
 2 officer of the **Commissioned Corps of the United States** [REGULAR OR
 3 RESERVE CORPS OF THE] Public Health Service **or the National Oceanic and**
 4 **Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps and** whose discharge
 5 was under honorable conditions;

6 (5) a person who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard for 90 days or
 7 more or whose service was for less than 90 days because of injury or disability
 8 incurred in the line of duty;

9 (6) the widow or widower of a person who served at least 90 days in
 10 the Alaska Territorial Guard.

11 * **Sec. 5.** AS 18.65.310(l) is amended to read:

12 (l) At the request of the person, the department shall provide a veteran
 13 designation and United States flag replica on an identification card identifying the
 14 person as a retired veteran or a veteran of the armed forces of the United States, **the**
 15 **Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, or the National**
 16 **Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps who was**
 17 discharged under honorable conditions. The department may not charge a fee solely
 18 for the designation. To receive a veteran designation, the person shall provide proof of
 19 veteran status that shows the person is retired or discharged under honorable
 20 conditions. With the approval of the person, the department shall make available to the
 21 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs the name and address of a person
 22 receiving a veteran designation under this subsection. Notwithstanding (a) of this
 23 section, the department may charge a fee of \$5 for replacement of a valid
 24 identification card with a new identification card with a veteran designation.

25 * **Sec. 6.** AS 26.10.070(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) A veteran **of the armed forces, the Commissioned Corps of the United**
 27 **States Public Health Service, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric**
 28 **Administration Commissioned Officer Corps** may record without fee the veteran's
 29 [ARMED FORCES] report of separation at a recorder's office of the Department of
 30 Natural Resources.

31 * **Sec. 7.** AS 26.10.080(d)(2) is amended to read:

1 (2) "veteran" means

2 (A) a person who served in a branch of the armed services of
3 the United States, in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public
4 Health Service, or in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
5 Administration Commissioned Officer Corps

6 (i) who at the time of entry into the service was a
7 resident of the territory or state, who had been a resident for not less
8 than one year immediately before entry into the service, and who
9 returned to the territory or state within one year after discharge as a
10 resident with the intention of remaining in the territory or state; or

11 (ii) who was a resident of the state for not less than one
12 year immediately preceding the time of death; or

13 (B) a person who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, the
14 Alaska Army National Guard, the Alaska Air National Guard, or the Alaska
15 Naval Militia, or who served in a reserve unit of the United States armed forces
16 in Alaska if the reserve unit required a minimum of one weekend of duty each
17 month and 15 consecutive days of active duty training each year for not less
18 than three years.

19 * **Sec. 8.** AS 26.15.130(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) Qualifications for loans under this chapter are as follows:

21 (1) persons who served in the uniformed services [ARMED
22 FORCES] of the United States for 90 days or more, or whose service was for less than
23 90 days because of injury or disability incurred in the line of duty, between April 6,
24 1917, and November 11, 1918, between September 16, 1940, and November 7, 1975,
25 between August 2, 1990, and January 2, 1992, or beginning September 11, 2001, and
26 ending on the day prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law as the last date of
27 Operation Iraqi Freedom, or who served in a combat zone during any period of armed
28 conflict, or during any time period listed in 5 U.S.C. 2108(1), who were separated
29 from the uniformed services [ARMED FORCES] with a discharge other than
30 dishonorable, and

31 (A) who, at the time of induction into the service, were

1 residents of the territory or state, who had been residents for not less than one
 2 year immediately before their induction, and who returned to the territory or
 3 state after discharge as residents with the intention of remaining in the territory
 4 or state; or

5 (B) who, not being bona fide residents of the territory or state
 6 before their entry into the service, have been residents of the territory or state
 7 for one or more years;

8 (2) persons who were dependent on a member of the **uniformed**
 9 **services** [ARMED FORCES] or a veteran of World War II at the time of the member's
 10 or veteran's death, if

11 (A) the member or veteran was a resident of the territory or
 12 state for one year before induction into the service; [AND]

13 (B) the member or veteran served in the **uniformed services**
 14 [ARMED FORCES] for at least 90 days between September 16, 1940, and
 15 July 25, 1947, but benefits for loans do not accrue to dependents of an enlistee
 16 or re-enlistee for time served after November 1, 1945, regardless of whether
 17 the enlistment or reenlistment was before or after November 1, 1945; [AND]

18 (C) the member or veteran died before the official date of the
 19 termination of that war; and

20 (D) the member's or veteran's discharge was not dishonorable;

21 (3) persons who have served in the Alaska Army National Guard or the
 22 Alaska Air National Guard or the Alaska Naval Militia for not less than six years and
 23 who have not received a discharge other than honorable.

24 * **Sec. 9.** AS 26.15.130(b) is amended to read:

25 (b) Dependents **under (a) of this section** must be unmarried and the deceased
 26 member of the **uniformed services** [ARMED FORCES] or deceased veteran must
 27 have been their chief means of support and they must be either a widow, widower,
 28 minor son, minor daughter, or mother, father, sister or brother incapable of self-
 29 support. Dependents must be residents of the territory or state at the time of making
 30 application and intend to reside in the territory or state permanently. The rights of
 31 minor children may be exercised only if they have no surviving parent and have an

1 appointed guardian who may apply on their behalf to secure a loan for their care,
 2 support, education or other purposes mentioned in AS 26.15.040 or to receive the
 3 bonus for those purposes.

4 * **Sec. 10.** AS 26.15.160 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 26.15.160. Extension of chapter to members of the Alaska Territorial**
 6 **Guard and to veterans of the uniformed services [ARMED FORCES] of the**
 7 **United States.** The provisions of this chapter, except those provisions relating to the
 8 payment of bonuses, are extended to persons who served in the Alaska Territorial
 9 Guard and to veterans of the uniformed services [ARMED FORCES] of the United
 10 States, who served other than dishonorably on active duty between June 25, 1950, and
 11 January 31, 1955, between August 4, 1964, and November 7, 1975, between August 2,
 12 1990, and January 2, 1992, beginning September 11, 2001, and ending on the day
 13 prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law as the last date of Operation Iraqi
 14 Freedom, or during any time period listed in 5 U.S.C. 2108(1) and to dependents of
 15 those persons, subject to the following provisions and eligibility qualifications:

16 (1) persons are eligible

17 (A) who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, who were
 18 discharged other than dishonorably from the uniformed services [ARMED
 19 FORCES] of the United States, or who are released to a reserve component;
 20 [AND]

21 (B) who, at the time of entry into the service, were bona fide
 22 residents of the territory or State of Alaska and had been residents of the
 23 territory or state for not less than one year before their entry into the service;
 24 and who have returned to the territory or state within a reasonable length of
 25 time after the end of their service in the Alaska Territorial Guard or their
 26 discharge or separation as residents with the intention of remaining in the
 27 territory or state; or who, not being bona fide residents of the territory before
 28 their entry into the service, have lived in the territory or state for at least five
 29 years following their release from active military service; and

30 (C) who served in the uniformed services [ARMED
 31 FORCES] of the United States for 90 days or more, or whose service was for a

1 lesser period because of injury or disability incurred in line of duty, between
2 June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, between August 4, 1964, and July 1,
3 1977, between August 2, 1990, and January 2, 1992, beginning September 11,
4 2001, and ending on the day prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law
5 as the last date of Operation Iraqi Freedom, or during any time period listed in
6 5 U.S.C. 2108(1), or who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard for 90 days or
7 more or whose service in the Alaska Territorial Guard was for a lesser period
8 because of injury or disability incurred in the line of duty;

9 (2) persons are eligible who were dependent upon a member of the
10 Alaska Territorial Guard or **uniformed services** [ARMED FORCES] or upon a
11 veteran, including persons who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, eligible for the
12 benefits of this chapter at the time of the member's or veteran's death if the member or
13 veteran was a resident of the territory for one year before entry into service;
14 dependents must be unmarried and the deceased veteran or member of the **uniformed**
15 **services** [ARMED FORCES] must have been their chief means of support and they
16 must be either a widow, widower, minor child, or a mother, father, sister, or brother
17 incapable of self-support; dependents must be residents of the state at the time of
18 application and shall intend to remain residents in the state permanently; the rights of
19 minor children under this chapter may be exercised only if they have no surviving
20 parent and have an appointed guardian who may apply on their behalf for the benefits
21 of this chapter for their care, support, or education;

22 (3) a person who is eligible for veteran's benefits under the laws of any
23 other state or territory is not eligible for the benefits of this section unless the person
24 has lived in the state or territory for at least five years following the end of the person's
25 service in the Alaska Territorial Guard or release from active military service; a World
26 War II veteran who received a bonus under former AS 26.15.120 and former
27 AS 26.15.150 need not repay the bonus in order to qualify under the loan provisions of
28 this section;

29 (4) for persons otherwise eligible for the benefits under this section,
30 who did not return to the state or territory not later than one year after the end of the
31 persons' service in the Alaska Territorial Guard or separation from the service unless

1 prevented from doing so for medical, educational, or other valid purposes approved by
2 the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development not later than
3 one year after the end of the persons' service in the Alaska Territorial Guard or
4 separation from the service, an additional requirement of four years' residence in the
5 state or territory before their entry into the service is imposed to entitle them to the
6 benefit provisions of this section.

7 * **Sec. 11.** AS 26.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 26.15.190. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context indicates
9 otherwise,

10 (1) "uniformed services" means the armed forces of the United States,
11 the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, and the National
12 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps;

13 (2) "veteran" includes a veteran of the Commissioned Corps of the
14 United States Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
15 Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

16 * **Sec. 12.** AS 28.10.181(d) is amended to read:

17 (d) Vehicles owned by veterans with disabilities, including persons disabled in
18 the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with
19 disabilities. Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the
20 ability to walk, as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one
21 motor vehicle in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue a specially
22 designed registration plate that displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the
23 applicant's disability originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial
24 Guard or the **uniformed services** [ARMED FORCES] of the United States; (B) the
25 international symbol of accessibility (the wheelchair logo); and (C) if the applicant is a
26 veteran, the Alaska and United States flags and red, white, and blue colors. A person
27 who is not otherwise qualified under this subsection, but who meets the qualifications
28 of a disabled veteran under AS 29.45.030(i), may register one motor vehicle without
29 charge, and the department shall issue a specially designed registration plate that
30 displays recognition of the disabled veteran that does not display the international
31 symbol of accessibility and does not carry with it special parking privileges. A

1 disabled veteran who otherwise qualifies for a registration plate under this subsection
 2 may elect to receive a plate under (p) or (q) of this section for which the person is
 3 otherwise qualified that does not display the international symbol of accessibility and
 4 does not carry with it special parking privileges. A disabled person who otherwise
 5 qualifies for a registration plate under (2)(B) of this subsection may elect to receive a
 6 plate under another provision of this section for which the person is otherwise
 7 qualified that does not display the international symbol of accessibility and does not
 8 carry with it special parking privileges. For purposes of this subsection, proof of
 9 disability may be provided by a person licensed as a physician or physician assistant
 10 under AS 08.64 or as an advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.

11 * **Sec. 13.** AS 28.10.181(l) is amended to read:

12 (l) Vehicles owned by Pearl Harbor survivors, former prisoners of war, Medal
 13 of Honor recipients, and relatives of members of the United States **uniformed**
 14 **services** [ARMED FORCES] killed in the line of duty. The department, upon receipt
 15 of written proof, shall issue without charge special registration plates for one
 16 noncommercial motor vehicle to a person who was on active military duty in Pearl
 17 Harbor on December 7, 1941, who has been a prisoner of war during a declared war or
 18 other conflict, as determined by the Department of Defense under federal regulations,
 19 who is the recipient of the Medal of Honor awarded by the President of the United
 20 States in the name of the United States Congress, or the spouse, parent, guardian,
 21 brother, sister, or dependent of a member of the United States **uniformed services**
 22 [ARMED FORCES] killed in the line of duty. The design and color of the Pearl
 23 Harbor survivor, prisoner of war, Medal of Honor awarded by the President of the
 24 United States in the name of the United States Congress recipient, or relative of a
 25 member of the United States **uniformed services** [ARMED FORCES] killed in the
 26 line of duty plates shall be solely within the discretion of the commissioner.

27 * **Sec. 14.** AS 28.10.181(p) is amended to read:

28 (p) Vehicles owned by veterans. The department, upon receipt of written proof
 29 that the veteran is a sole or joint owner of a motor vehicle, shall issue special
 30 registration plates for the motor vehicle to a requesting person who is a veteran or
 31 retired veteran of the **uniformed services** [ARMED FORCES] of the United States.

1 The commissioner, after consulting with the person in the Department of Military and
 2 Veterans' Affairs in charge of veterans' affairs, shall determine the design and color of
 3 the veteran or retired veteran plates.

4 * **Sec. 15.** AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (ii) In this section, unless the context indicates otherwise,

6 (1) "uniformed services" means the armed forces of the United States,
 7 the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, and the National
 8 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps;

9 (2) "veteran" includes a veteran of the Commissioned Corps of the
 10 United States Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
 11 Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

12 * **Sec. 16.** AS 28.15.111(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) At the request of an applicant, the department shall provide a veteran
 14 designation and United States flag replica on a license identifying the driver as a
 15 retired veteran or a veteran of the **uniformed services** [ARMED FORCES] of the
 16 United States discharged under honorable conditions. The department may not charge
 17 a fee solely for the designation. To receive a veteran designation, the driver shall make
 18 available proof of veteran status that shows that the person is retired or discharged
 19 under honorable conditions. With the approval of the applicant, the department shall
 20 make available to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs the name and
 21 address of a driver receiving a veteran designation under this subsection. The
 22 department may charge a fee of \$5 for replacement of a valid driver's license with a
 23 new license with a veteran designation. A replacement license with a veteran
 24 designation issued for \$5 under this subsection **must** [SHALL] retain the expiration
 25 date of the license it replaces. **In this subsection,**

26 **(1) "uniformed services" means the armed forces of the United**
 27 **States, the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, and**
 28 **the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer**
 29 **Corps;**

30 **(2) "veteran" includes a veteran of the Commissioned Corps of the**
 31 **United States Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric**

1 **Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.**

2 * **Sec. 17.** AS 29.45.030(i) is amended to read:

3 (i) In (e) - (i) of this section,

4 (1) "disabled veteran" means a disabled person

5 (A) separated from the **uniformed services** [MILITARY
6 SERVICE] of the United States under a condition that is not dishonorable who
7 is a resident of the state, whose disability was incurred or aggravated in the line
8 of duty **during** [IN THE MILITARY] service **in the uniformed services** of
9 the United States, and whose disability has been rated as 50 percent or more by
10 the branch of service in which that person served or by the United States
11 Department of Veterans Affairs; **in this subparagraph, "uniformed**
12 **services" means the armed forces of the United States, the Commissioned**
13 **Corps of the United States Public Health Service, and the National**
14 **Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps;**
15 or

16 (B) who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, who is a
17 resident of the state, whose disability was incurred or aggravated in the line of
18 duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, and whose disability has
19 been rated as 50 percent or more;

20 (2) "real property" includes but is not limited to mobile homes,
21 whether classified as real or personal property for municipal tax purposes.

22 * **Sec. 18.** AS 36.30.321(f) is amended to read:

23 (f) If a bidder or offeror qualifies as an Alaska bidder and is a qualifying
24 entity, a five percent preference shall be applied to the price in the bid or proposal.
25 The preference may not exceed \$5,000. In this subsection,

26 (1) "Alaska veteran" means an individual who is both a resident of the
27 state and a veteran;

28 (2) "qualifying entity" means a

29 (A) sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran;

30 (B) partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 if a majority of the
31 partners are Alaska veterans;

1 (C) limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 if a
2 majority of the members are Alaska veterans; or

3 (D) corporation that is wholly owned by individuals, and a
4 majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans;

5 (3) "veteran" means an individual who

6 (A) served in the

7 (i) armed forces of the United States, including a
8 reserve unit of the United States armed forces; [OR]

9 (ii) the Commissioned Corps of the United States
10 Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
11 Administration Commissioned Officer Corps; or

12 (iii) Alaska Territorial Guard, the Alaska Army
13 National Guard, the Alaska Air National Guard, or the Alaska Naval
14 Militia; and

15 (B) was separated from service under a condition that was not
16 dishonorable.

17 * **Sec. 19.** AS 36.30.321(k) is amended to read:

18 (k) In this section, "person with a disability" means an individual who

19 (1) has been determined to be permanently disabled by the

20 (A) United States Social Security Administration under 42
21 U.S.C. 423 or 1381 - 1383f (Social Security Act);

22 (B) teachers' retirement system under AS 14.25, the judicial
23 retirement system under AS 22.25, the public employees' retirement system
24 under AS 39.35, or the elected public officers' retirement system under former
25 AS 39.37;

26 (C) Federal Civil Service Retirement System under 5 U.S.C.
27 2107, 3323, and 8331 - 8351;

28 (D) federal employees' retirement system under 5 U.S.C. 8401
29 - 8480; or

30 (E) division of vocational rehabilitation in the Department of
31 Labor and Workforce Development using disability standards under 42 U.S.C.

1 1381 - 1383f (Social Security Act) for eligibility for certain state disability
2 programs;

3 (2) is receiving permanent total disability under AS 23.30 (Alaska
4 Workers' Compensation Act);

5 (3) has been discharged from the uniformed services [MILITARY
6 SERVICE] under honorable conditions and is certified by the United States
7 Department of Veterans Affairs as having incurred a 50 percent or greater disability
8 during [MILITARY] service in the uniformed services; or

9 (4) has served in the Alaska Territorial Guard and incurred a 50
10 percent or greater disability while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard.

11 * **Sec. 20.** AS 36.30.321 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (l) In this section, "uniformed services" means the armed forces of the United
13 States, the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, and the
14 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

15 * **Sec. 21.** AS 38.05.067(e) is amended to read:

16 (e) In this section, "veteran" means a person with 90 days or more of active
17 service in the uniformed services [ARMED FORCES] of the United States who has
18 been honorably discharged or a person with 90 days or more of service in the Alaska
19 Territorial Guard.

20 * **Sec. 22.** AS 38.05.940(b) is amended to read:

21 (b) To be eligible for a discount under this section, a veteran shall submit
22 proof, as required by regulation, that the veteran

23 (1) is 18 years of age or older on the date of sale;

24 (2) has been a state resident for a period of not less than one year
25 immediately preceding the date of sale; and

26 (3) has served

27 (A) in the Alaska Territorial Guard for at least 90 days, unless
28 the service was shortened due to a service connected disability; or

29 (B) on active duty in the uniformed services of the United
30 States [U.S. ARMED FORCES] at least 90 days, unless tenure was shortened
31 due to a service connected disability or due to receiving an early separation

1 upon return from a tour of duty overseas, and has received an honorable
2 discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.

3 * **Sec. 23.** AS 38.05.965 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (29) "uniformed services" means the armed forces of the United States,
5 the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, and the National
6 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

7 * **Sec. 24.** AS 39.25.159(f) is amended to read:

8 (f) In this section,

9 (1) "consideration" means reviewing a person's entire application in
10 order to determine whether the person should be selected, rejected, or admitted to
11 further steps in the assessment or selection process;

12 (2) "disabled veteran" means a veteran who is entitled to compensation
13 under laws administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, a
14 person who was honorably discharged or released from active duty because of a
15 service-connected disability, or a person who was disabled in the line of duty while
16 serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard;

17 (3) "member of the national guard" means a person who is presently
18 serving as a member of the Alaska National Guard and who has at least eight years of
19 service in the Alaska National Guard;

20 (4) "prisoner of war" means a person who has been a prisoner of war
21 during a declared war or other conflict as determined by the Department of Defense
22 under federal regulations;

23 (5) "veteran" means a person

24 (A) with 181 days or more active service in the armed forces of
25 the United States, **the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public**
26 **Health Service, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**
27 **Commissioned Officer Corps, and** who has been honorably discharged after
28 having served during any period

29 (i) between April 6, 1917, and December 1, 1919,
30 between September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1947, between
31 June 27, 1950, and October 14, 1976, between August 2, 1990, and

1 January 2, 1992, beginning September 11, 2001, and ending on the day
 2 prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law as the last date of
 3 Operation Iraqi Freedom, or during any time period listed in 5 U.S.C.
 4 2108(1); or

5 (ii) in which the person was awarded a campaign badge,
 6 expedition medal, the Purple Heart, or an award or decoration for
 7 heroism or gallantry in action;

8 (B) who served 181 days or more in the Alaska Territorial
 9 Guard.

10 * **Sec. 25.** AS 43.20.048(f) is amended to read:

11 (f) In this section,

12 (1) "disabled veteran" has the meaning given in AS 39.25.159;

13 (2) "seasonal position" means employment that is not intended to
 14 continue through an entire calendar year but recurs annually;

15 (3) "veteran" means an individual who served in and was honorably
 16 discharged from the

17 (A) armed forces of the United States, including a reserve unit
 18 of the armed forces of the United States; [OR]

19 (B) **Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health**
 20 **Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**
 21 **Commissioned Officer Corps; or**

22 (C) Alaska Territorial Guard, the Alaska Army National Guard,
 23 the Alaska Air National Guard, or the Alaska Naval Militia.

24 * **Sec. 26.** AS 44.29.520(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) The Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board consists of

26 (1) five members appointed by the governor from among citizens of
 27 the state;

28 (2) one member appointed by the governor who is a veteran of active
 29 service in the armed forces of the United States, including the Alaska National Guard
 30 or the Alaska Territorial Guard, **or a veteran of active service in the Commissioned**
 31 **Corps of the United States Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and**

1 **Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps;**

2 (3) one member who is the chair of the Alaska Commission on Aging
3 established in AS 47.44.200; and

4 (4) one member who is chair of the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council
5 established in AS 44.35.

6 * **Sec. 27.** AS 44.35.900 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 44.35.900. Definition.** In this chapter, "veteran" includes a person who
8 served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, **the Commissioned Corps of the United**
9 **States Public Health Service, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric**
10 **Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.**

11 * **Sec. 28.** AS 47.55.900 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 47.55.900. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context otherwise
13 requires,

14 (1) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services;

15 (2) "home" means

16 (A) the Alaska Pioneers' Home; or

17 (B) the Alaska Veterans' Home;

18 (3) "physical disability or other reason" means inability of an
19 individual to maintain a household without regular assistance in shopping,
20 housekeeping, meal preparation, dressing, or personal hygiene because of physical or
21 medical impairment, infirmity, or disability;

22 (4) "resident of the state" has the meaning given "resident" in
23 AS 47.25.430(a);

24 (5) "veteran" means a person who has been discharged from the armed
25 forces of the United States, including the Alaska National Guard or the Alaska
26 Territorial Guard, **or from the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public**
27 **Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**
28 **Commissioned Officer Corps;** the discharge [FROM THE ARMED FORCES] must
29 be other than dishonorable.