

# Alaska State Legislature



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## **State Supports Alaska National Guardsmen** **Deployed to Combat Zones** *Legislation pays life insurance premiums*

(JUNEAU) – Representatives Nancy Dahlstrom (R-Eagle River/Anchorage), Ethan Berkowitz, (D-Anchorage), Pete Kott (R–Eagle River), and Bob Lynn (R–Anchorage) introduced a bill supporting Alaska’s National Guardsmen deployed to a combat zone.

At a time when the federal government is considering action to better serve our military men and women in foreign countries, Alaska’s guardsmen deserve the state’s support as well. Passage of House Bill 122 allows the state to pay life insurance premiums for our guardsmen deployed to a combat zone.

This is a straightforward and simple measure to provide some additional support to these men and women who offer their time to defend our country. “Guardsmen don’t serve in the military full time,” said Representative Dahlstrom, “they are our co-workers and next door neighbors who volunteer to serve our country when called upon, providing a little extra assistance is the least we can do.”

Representative Berkowitz added, “This is just one small way of helping people who are putting their lives on the line for us.” This legislation would allow for premiums to be paid for up to \$250,000 in life insurance for those guard members affected by this legislation.

As a retired Air Force Captain, Representative Kott, reminds us, “It is the guardsmen’s mission to support United States National Security objectives, and it is our honor to support them in that role.”

HB 122 was referred to the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans’ Affairs and Finance Committees for consideration.

For more information on this legislation, please feel free to contact the sponsors of HB 122 at: Representative Nancy Dahlstrom, (907) 465-3783; Representative Ethan Berkowitz, (907) 465-4919; Representative Pete Kott, (907) 465-3777; and Representative Bob Lynn, (907) 465-4931.

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