

## **Summary of the CS for HB 536**

- An individual who is eligible for the PFD and who
  - o Receives hostile fire/imminent danger (HF/ID) pay
  - o Serves as a member of the armed servicesis eligible to apply for their PFD up to 90 days after they stop receiving hostile fire/imminent danger pay
  
- An individual may apply for a permanent fund dividend for any preceding year if at any time during the application period of the dividend year they are applying for
  - o They served on active duty in the armed services
  - o Were eligible for hostile fire/imminent danger pay
  - o Can demonstrate a reasonable cause for the delay in applying for their dividend
  
- An individual who was eligible for hostile fire/imminent danger pay while serving as a member of the armed services during the application period for the 2003-2004 dividend may apply for it for 90 days after this bill takes effect. The Dept. of Revenue shall promptly pay those dividends.

The bill is worded like this for a few reasons. First being that if someone is in a war zone situation and can't apply for their dividend due to hardship, it would seem unfair to put a limitation on their application period that isn't tied to that hardship.

For example, under the original version of HB 536, a person who met the criteria for the extension (Hostile fire/imminent danger pay and active duty member of armed forces) who was in a war zone situation for longer than 6 months would not be able to receive their dividend.

Under the CS they would have 90 days after leaving the war zone situation to apply.

For people who participated in the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan but weren't able to submit an application, even late, the CS covers them by allowing any member of the armed services who received HF/ID pay during the application period to apply for those dividends for 90 days after the signing of this bill into law.

The CS also gives the commissioner leeway to allow an individual to apply for their PFD if they demonstrate reasonable cause and fall under the previous criteria (HF/ID pay and member of armed

services) which gives the PFD office enough leeway to make sure people who truly deserve an extended application period due to hardship can still apply for their PFD.