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House Approves Selective Service Bill **HB 305 Requires Registration for Dividends, State Loans, Jobs**

(JUNEAU) – The House today passed legislation that would require young Alaska men to provide proof they had registered with the [federal selective service](#) in order to qualify for a range of state benefits and services.

Sponsored by Rep. Lisa Murkowski (R-Anchorage), [House Bill 305](#) would require male Alaskans to register within 30 days of turning 18, and requiring those age 18 to 26 to present proof of registration as a condition of receiving Permanent Fund dividends, state student loans, or consideration for state employment.

“This bill seeks to ensure that Alaskans are knowledgeable about the military selective service registration system, and will register promptly upon reaching age 18,” Murkowski said. “This is particularly timely in view of the attack on America on Sept. 11, and the resurgence of patriotism and service to protect our freedom and way of life in our country.”

Federal law already carries fines of up to \$250,000 and up to five years’ imprisonment for failure to register, and registration is already a condition for federal student aid, job training benefits and most federal employment, Murkowski said.

HB 305 is more an effort to encourage young men to fulfill their responsibilities than to punish them for failure to do so, she said. Twenty-eight other states either have or are considering laws requiring proof of registration as a condition for receiving consideration for certain state benefits.

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