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Senate to Canada: Firearm Fees Unfair

(JUNEAU) – The Alaska Senate passed a resolution on Thursday registering their objection to new fees for Alaskans transporting firearms through Canada.

“Alaskans and Canadians frequently travel back and forth across our border for business and recreation,” said Sen. Robin Taylor (R-Wrangell), sponsor of the resolution. “Our government allows Canadians to bring firearms into the United States for recreational activities without imposing a fee, but the Canadian government no longer allows our residents the same courtesy.”

The Canadian government recently adopted new regulations requiring visitors without a valid Canadian firearms license to declare their firearms at a Canadian customs station before entering the country. Visitors would also have to fill out a Non-Resident Firearm Declaration form and pay a confirmation fee of \$50 (Canadian).

“How are hunters in a remote area, traveling back and forth across the Canadian-U.S. border, supposed to register their firearms?” said Taylor.

Senate Joint Resolution 14 calls on President George W. Bush, the U.S. State Department, and Congress to negotiate with the Canadian government to rescind these new regulations.

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