

**CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/15/19**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES RAUSCHER, Revak, Shaw, Jackson**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the purchase and sale of state land; relating to discounts for**  
2 **veterans on state land purchases; relating to the assignment of permanent fund**  
3 **dividends to purchase state land; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 **\* Section 1.** AS 38.05.940(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) An eligible veteran is entitled to a discount of **one-third of** [25 PERCENT  
7 ON] the purchase price of state land sold under this title and classified under **this**  
8 **chapter** [AS 38.05.005 - 38.05.270] for a use other than commercial or industrial use.

9 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 38.05.940(b) is amended to read:

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

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

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

1 (3) has served

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

4 (B) on active duty in the **United States armed forces for** [U.S.  
5 ARMED FORCES] at least 90 days, unless tenure was shortened due to a  
6 service connected disability or due to receiving an early separation upon return  
7 from a tour of duty overseas, and has received an honorable discharge or a  
8 general discharge under honorable conditions.

9 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 38.05.940 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (f) A discount under this section may not be combined with another veteran's  
11 discount under this section.

12 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 43.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 **Sec. 43.23.061. Assignment of dividend to purchase state land.**

14 Notwithstanding AS 43.23.200, the department shall prepare the electronic permanent  
15 fund dividend application to allow an applicant who files electronically to direct that  
16 all or part of the applicant's dividend payment, less an administrative fee assessed  
17 under AS 43.23.210, be assigned to the Department of Natural Resources to be used  
18 toward the purchase of state land by the applicant under AS 38.05.045 - 38.05.069 or  
19 38.05.600. The electronic dividend application form must include notice that an  
20 administrative fee will be deducted from the applicant's dividend payment if the  
21 applicant directs that the applicant's dividend payment be used toward the purchase of  
22 state land under this section.

23 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 43.23.210 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 43.23.210. Fees for processing claims and assignments.** The department  
25 shall by regulation adopted under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) establish  
26 fees for processing claims on dividends received by the department under  
27 AS 43.23.140, 43.23.160, or 43.23.180 and for processing assignments of dividends  
28 received by the department under **AS 43.23.061 and 43.23.200(b)** [AS 43.23.200(b)].  
29 The fees shall cover the administrative expenses of the department associated with the  
30 claims and assignments. Fees shall be deducted from the amount of the dividend  
31 remaining after payment of the portion claimed or assigned, or, if the entire dividend

1 is claimed or assigned, the fees shall be deducted before the dividend is paid to the  
2 creditor or assignee.

3 \* **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
4 read:

5 VETERANS' DISCOUNT; APPLICABILITY. Notwithstanding the amendment of  
6 AS 38.05.940(a) by sec. 1 of this Act, AS 38.05.940(a), as it read on July 31, 2019, applies to  
7 discounted land sales to eligible veterans under AS 38.05 that occurred on or before July 31,  
8 2019.

9 \* **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect August 1, 2019.