Trooper Pay Raise Asked

Wendell P. Kay, D-Anchorage, this week withdrew H.B. 410, cosponsored by Rep. Richard McVeigh, D-Anchorage, on the subject of retirement for Alaska

State Troopers.

Kay said: "Last year, Dick McVeigh and I introduced H.B. 410, providing an increased retirement for State Troopers. The Legislative Council has now introduced H.B. 736, covering the same subject, but with substantial improvements endorsed by the Troopers. I am very happy to give my full support to H.B. 736, and Mr. McVeigh and I are withdrawing H.B. 410 accordingly."

"Improved retirement for the Troopers is an absolute necessity. These men undergo many hardships, work much overtime, and undergo extreme risks on our behalf, day after day. But at the present time, the retirement plan is so skimpy and inadequate that they have had great difficulty in keeping qualified men on the

force.