AN ACT

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

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* Section 1. AS 28.10.181(u) is amended to read:

(u) Special request plates commemorating the arts. Upon application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates celebrating [COMMEMORATING] the arts. The commissioner, after consulting with the Alaska State Council on the Arts, shall determine the design and color of plates celebrating [COMMEMORATING] the arts. The commissioner shall choose a new design for the plates celebrating the arts every four years and discontinue issuance of the previous design. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.
* Sec. 2. AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(ii) Special request plates commemorating the Blood Bank of Alaska. Upon application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates commemorating the Blood Bank of Alaska. The commissioner, after consulting with representatives of the Blood Bank of Alaska, shall determine the design and color of the plates. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

* Sec. 3. AS 28.10.421(d)(15) is amended to read:

(15) special request plates on the only the first issuance and the replacement of the special request plates [BIENNIALLY IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE FEE REQUIRED UNDER (b), (c), (h), OR (i) OF THIS SECTION]; the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to pay the artist of the winning design and for the support of programs benefiting the arts;

* Sec. 4. AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(25) special request Blood Bank of Alaska plates $50

plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to the Blood Bank of Alaska.

* Sec. 5. AS 44.27 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 44.27.080. Competition for the design of the special request plate
celebrating the arts. (a) The council shall hold a competition every four years to select a design for the special request plate celebrating the arts under AS 28.10.181(u). The council shall select a panel of judges to judge the submissions for the contest and shall include the previous design winner on the panel. The panel shall select the top submissions, and the council shall conduct a public vote to determine the winner of the competition. The council shall use the winning design when consulting with the commissioner of administration under AS 28.10.181(u).

(b) The council shall, in consultation with the Department of Administration, recommend an amount to be appropriated from the annual estimated balance in the account under AS 28.10.421(d)(15) to pay an artist for a winning design.

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

TRANSITION. The Alaska State Council on the Arts shall hold the first design competition within one year after the effective date of this Act.