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Sponsor(s): HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to identification cards; relating to permanent motor vehicle
registration; relating to vehicle registration fee rates; relating to changes of address;
relating to driver's license fees; and relating to financial responsibility for motor
vehicles."

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

* Section 1. AS 18.65.310(g) is amended to read:

(g) If the person applying for the identification card provided for in (a) of this
section is 65 [60] years of age or older, charge may not be made for issuance of the
card.

* Sec. 2. AS 28.05.071 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) A person is not required to notify the appropriate department of a change in
mailing address under (a) of this section if the person authorizes the appropriate
department to change the person's mailing address automatically to match the current
mailing address maintained by the United States Postal Service. A person shall notify
the appropriate department under (a) of this section of a change in the person's
residence address if the person's residence address is different from the person's
mailing address.

* Sec. 3. AS 28.10.108(a) is amended to read:
   (a) Except for a vehicle registered under AS 28.10.152 or former
   AS 28.10.155 [28.10.155], a vehicle required to be registered under this chapter shall
   be registered under the procedures set out in this section.

* Sec. 4. AS 28.10.421(d)(8) is amended to read:
   (8) an amateur mobile radio station vehicle [,
       (A) WITH A TRANSCEIVER CAPABLE OF LESS THAN 5-BAND OPERATION] .................................................................
       ....................... the fee required for that vehicle under (b) or (c) of this section;
       [(B) IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC A
       MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO STATION OWNED BY AN AMATEUR
       WITH GENERAL CLASS OR HIGHER LICENSE, PROVIDED THE
       STATION MUST BE SATISFACTORILY PROVED CAPABLE OF
       OPERATING ON AT LEAST FIVE BANDS FROM 160 THROUGH 10
       METERS, MUST HAVE AN ANTENNA, AND MUST HAVE A POWER
       SUPPLY AND WIRING AS A PERMANENT PART OF THE VEHICLE;
       THE TRANSMITTING UNIT MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CAR FOR
       SERVICE OR DRY STORAGE .........................................................
       NONE FOR A MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO STATION VEHICLE
       INCLUDED IN (b)(1)(A) OF THIS SECTION;]

* Sec. 5. AS 28.10.421(d)(10) is amended to read:
   (10) a vehicle [OWNED BY A MUNICIPALITY OR CHARITABLE
   ORGANIZATION] meeting the requirements of AS 28.10.181(e) and owned by a
   (A) charitable organization ............................................. $10;
   (B) municipality ......................................................... $100;

* Sec. 6. AS 28.10.423(b) is amended to read:
   (b) A [IN ADDITION TO THE PERMANENT REGISTRATION FEE
   ESTABLISHED IN AS 28.10.155, A] $2 fee is imposed on the owner of each
permanently registered motor vehicle **under former AS 28.10.155** required to be inspected under an emission control program established in AS 46.14.400 or 46.14.510. That fee shall be collected biennially.

* Sec. 7. AS 28.10.431(j) is amended to read:

(j) A municipality that imposes a motor vehicle registration tax as described under (a) of this section may also, by passage of an appropriate ordinance, increase the scheduled amount of tax described under (b) or (l) of this section [; ESTABLISH A TAX FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS PERMANENTLY REGISTERED UNDER AS 28.10.155,] or establish a tax for a trailer that is permanently registered under AS 28.10.421(j). A municipality that chooses to change the tax imposed under (b) or (l) of this section or establishes a tax for permanently registered [MOTOR VEHICLES OR] trailers shall file a written notice of the change with the department by January 1 of the year preceding the year in which the change in tax is to take effect. A municipality may not change the amount of the tax imposed under this section more than once every two years. The department may charge a municipality a one-time fee to cover the cost to the department of implementing a change under this subsection. **A municipality may not establish a tax for a motor vehicle that is permanently registered under former AS 28.10.155.**

* Sec. 8. AS 28.15.271(a) is amended to read:

(a) The fees for drivers' licenses and permits, including renewals, and all related driver skills tests are as follows:

(1) all noncommercial vehicles and motor-driven cycles

   (A) each license fee ......................................................... $20;

   (B) each driver skills test .......................................... $25 [$15];

   (C) each driver knowledge test ........................................ $5;

(2) all commercial motor vehicles

   (A) each license fee ......................................................... $100;

   (B) each driver skills test .............................................. $25;

   (C) each driver knowledge test ................................. $5;

(3) instruction permit ......................................................... $15;

(4) duplicate of driver's license or instruction permit ............... $15;
(5) temporary license and renewal of permit .................................. $5;
(6) school bus driver's endorsement renewal .................................. $5.

* Sec. 9. AS 28.20.050(a) is amended to read:
(a) The provisions of this chapter requiring deposit of security and suspension
for failure to deposit security apply to the driver and owner of a vehicle subject to
registration under the laws of this state that is involved in any manner in an accident in
this state resulting in bodily injury to or death of a person or damage to the property of
any one person exceeding $2,000 [$501].

* Sec. 10. AS 28.20.050(e) is amended to read:
(e) A peace officer investigating an accident that results in bodily injury to or
the death of a person or damage to the property of a person exceeding $2,000 [$501]
shall inform persons involved in the accident in writing of the requirements of this
chapter as they apply to suspension of an operator's license or driving privileges.

* Sec. 11. AS 28.20.100(c) is amended to read:
(c) If the department evaluates the injuries or damage to a minor in an amount
not more than $2,000 [$501], the department may accept, for the purposes of this
chapter only, evidence of a release from liability executed by a parent or legal
guardian on behalf of the minor without court approval.

* Sec. 12. AS 28.20.230(a) is amended to read:
(a) The provisions of this chapter requiring the deposit of proof of financial
responsibility for the future apply to persons who are convicted of or forfeit bail for
certain offenses under motor vehicle laws or who, by ownership or operation of a
vehicle of a type subject to registration under AS 28.10, are involved in an accident in
this state that results in bodily injury to or death of a person or damage to the property
of any one person exceeding $2,000 [$501].

* Sec. 13. AS 28.20.260(a) is amended to read:
(a) Upon receipt by the department of the report of an accident resulting in
bodily injury to or death of a person, or damage to the property of any one person
exceeding $2,000 [$501], the department shall suspend the license of the driver of a
motor vehicle involved in the accident unless the driver or owner

(1) has previously furnished or immediately furnishes security required
by this chapter, or is excepted from furnishing security under AS 28.20.060; and
(2) maintains proof of financial responsibility for three years following
the accident.

* Sec. 14. AS 28.20.330 is amended to read:

**Sec. 28.20.330. Suspension to continue until judgments paid and proof**

**given.** (a) If there is an unsatisfied judgment against a person requiring suspension
under AS 28.20.270, the person's license or nonresident's operating privilege shall
remain suspended and **may [SHALL]** not be renewed, nor shall a license or
registration be issued in the name of the person, including a person not previously
licensed, until the judgment is stayed or satisfied, **In addition, a person who did not**
**have insurance at the time of the accident giving rise to the judgment shall**
**provide [AND UNTIL THE PERSON GIVES] proof of financial responsibility, subject to the exceptions in AS 28.20.310, 28.20.320, and 28.20.370, before the person's license or nonresident's operating privilege may be issued or renewed.**

(b) The proof required by (a) of this section shall be maintained **for three years from the date the judgment is stayed or satisfied [DURING THE PERIOD THE PERSON HAS A LICENSE OR NONRESIDENT'S OPERATING PRIVILEGE].**

* Sec. 15. AS 28.20.370(c) is amended to read:

(c) If the judgment debtor fails to pay an installment specified by the court
order, upon notice of default, the department shall immediately suspend the license or
nonresident's operating privilege of the judgment debtor until the judgment is satisfied
as provided in this chapter **or until a new agreement to pay an installment is received with proof of future financial responsibility.**

* Sec. 16. AS 28.22.021 is amended to read:

**Sec. 28.22.021. Requirement of proof of motor vehicle liability insurance.**
The owner or operator of a motor vehicle required to have motor vehicle liability
insurance that complies with this chapter or a certificate of self-insurance that
complies with AS 28.20.400, shall show proof of this insurance when that person is
involved in an accident that results in bodily injury to or death of a person, or damage
to the property of a person exceeding **$2,000** [501].
* Sec. 17. AS 28.35.135 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) A person is not required to notify the department of a change in mailing address under (b) of this section if the person has authorized the department to change the person's mailing address automatically under AS 28.05.071.

* Sec. 18. AS 28.10.155 is repealed.

* Sec. 19. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION. Notwithstanding the repeal of AS 28.10.155 in sec. 18 of this Act, the owner of a motor vehicle that was permanently registered under AS 28.10.155 as that section read on the day before the effective date of this Act is not required to renew the registration on that vehicle except that the permanent registration expires when the owner transfers or assigns the owner's title to or interest in the vehicle.