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Sponsor(s): HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 the appropriate department under (a) of this section of a change in the person's  
2 residence address if the person's residence address is different from the person's  
3 mailing address.

4 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.108(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Except for a vehicle registered under AS 28.10.152 or **former**  
6 **AS 28.10.155** [28.10.155], a vehicle required to be registered under this chapter shall  
7 be registered under the procedures set out in this section.

8 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.10.421(d)(8) is amended to read:

9 (8) an amateur mobile radio station vehicle [,

10 (A) WITH A TRANSCEIVER CAPABLE OF LESS THAN 5-  
11 BAND OPERATION] .....

12 ..... the fee required for that vehicle under (b) or (c) of this section;

13 [(B) IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC A  
14 MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO STATION OWNED BY AN AMATEUR  
15 WITH GENERAL CLASS OR HIGHER LICENSE, PROVIDED THE  
16 STATION MUST BE SATISFACTORILY PROVED CAPABLE OF  
17 OPERATING ON AT LEAST FIVE BANDS FROM 160 THROUGH 10  
18 METERS, MUST HAVE AN ANTENNA, AND MUST HAVE A POWER  
19 SUPPLY AND WIRING AS A PERMANENT PART OF THE VEHICLE;  
20 THE TRANSMITTING UNIT MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CAR FOR  
21 SERVICE OR DRY STORAGE .....  
22 NONE FOR A MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO STATION VEHICLE  
23 INCLUDED IN (b)(1)(A) OF THIS SECTION;]

24 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 28.10.421(d)(10) is amended to read:

25 (10) a vehicle [OWNED BY A MUNICIPALITY OR CHARITABLE  
26 ORGANIZATION] meeting the requirements of AS 28.10.181(e) **and owned by a**

27 **(A) charitable organization** ..... \$10;

28 **(B) municipality** ..... **\$100;**

29 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 28.10.423(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) **A** [IN ADDITION TO THE PERMANENT REGISTRATION FEE  
31 ESTABLISHED IN AS 28.10.155, A] \$2 fee is imposed on the owner of each

1 permanently registered motor vehicle **under former AS 28.10.155** required to be  
 2 inspected under an emission control program established in AS 46.14.400 or  
 3 46.14.510. That fee shall be collected biennially.

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

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

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

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

- 22 (1) all noncommercial vehicles and motor-driven cycles
  - 23 (A) each license fee ..... \$20;
  - 24 (B) each driver skills test ..... **\$25** [\$15];
  - 25 **(C) each driver knowledge test ..... \$5;**
- 26 (2) all commercial motor vehicles
  - 27 (A) each license fee ..... \$100;
  - 28 (B) each driver skills test ..... \$25;
  - 29 **(C) each driver knowledge test ..... \$5;**
- 30 (3) instruction permit ..... \$15;
- 31 (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

1 by this chapter, or is excepted from furnishing security under AS 28.20.060; and

2 (2) maintains proof of financial responsibility for three years following  
3 the accident.

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

5 **Sec. 28.20.330. Suspension to continue until judgments paid and proof**  
6 **given.** (a) If there is an unsatisfied judgment against a person requiring suspension  
7 under AS 28.20.270, the person's license or nonresident's operating privilege shall  
8 remain suspended and **may** [SHALL] not be renewed, nor shall a license or  
9 registration be issued in the name of the person, including a person not previously  
10 licensed, until the judgment is stayed or satisfied. **In addition, a person who did not**  
11 **have insurance at the time of the accident giving rise to the judgment shall**  
12 **provide** [AND UNTIL THE PERSON GIVES] proof of financial responsibility,  
13 subject to the exceptions in AS 28.20.310, 28.20.320, and 28.20.370, **before the**  
14 **person's license or nonresident's operating privilege may be issued or renewed.**

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

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

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

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

26 **Sec. 28.22.021. Requirement of proof of motor vehicle liability insurance.**  
27 The owner or operator of a motor vehicle required to have motor vehicle liability  
28 insurance that complies with this chapter or a certificate of self-insurance that  
29 complies with AS 28.20.400, shall show proof of this insurance when that person is  
30 involved in an accident that results in bodily injury to or death of a person, or damage  
31 to the property of a person exceeding **\$2,000** [\$501].

1 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 28.35.135 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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

5 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 28.10.155 is repealed.

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

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