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**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(FIN)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR FRENCH**

**REPRESENTATIVE Holmes**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act setting special registration fees for alternative fuel vehicles; excluding**  
2 **motorcycles and motor-driven cycles from the passenger vehicle rental tax; and**  
3 **providing for an effective date."**

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

5 **\* Section 1.** AS 28.10.421 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (j) Instead of the otherwise appropriate biennial registration fee under (b) or  
7 (c) of this section, a \$20 biennial registration fee is imposed on a qualified alternative  
8 fuel vehicle normally subject to a registration fee under (b) or (c) of this section.  
9 Instead of the otherwise appropriate annual registration fee under (h) of this section, a  
10 \$10 annual registration fee is imposed on a qualified alternative fuel vehicle normally  
11 subject to a registration fee under (h) of this section. To be qualified under this  
12 subsection, an alternative fuel vehicle

13 (1) must be manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads,  
14 and highways;

15 (2) may not have been modified from the original manufacturer

specifications;

(3) must be capable of achieving a speed of at least 55 miles an hour;

(4) must be a model year of 2010 or newer;

(5) must be fueled or powered

(A) solely by

(i) compressed natural gas;

(ii) liquefied natural gas;

(iii) liquefied petroleum gas;

(iv) hydrogen;

(v) a liquid at least 85 percent of the total volume of which consists of ethanol; or

(vi) electricity but only if the vehicle is powered by a motor that draws the electricity from a battery that has a capacity of at least four kilowatt-hours and is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity; or

(B) by an engine capable of running on two fuels or power sources, one of which is gasoline or diesel and one of which is compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, or electricity;

(6) must meet other requirements set by the department by regulation.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 43.52.099(2) is amended to read:

(2) "passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in AS 28.90.990 that is driven or moved on a highway or other public right-of-way in the state, but does not include

(A) a commercial motor vehicle as that term is defined in AS 28.90.990;

(B) emergency or fire equipment that is necessary to the preservation of life or property;

(C) a farm vehicle that is controlled and operated by a farmer, used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from that farmer's farm, not used in the operations of a common or contract

motor carrier, and used within 150 miles of the farmer's farm;

(D) a recreational vehicle;

(E) a taxicab;

(F) a rental truck; in this subparagraph, "rental truck" means a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds that is designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of personal property; [OR]

(G) a vehicle provided by an automobile dealer to a customer as replacement transportation during warranty, recall, or service contract repairs if the dealer does not receive compensation from the customer; or

**(H) a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle, as those terms are defined in AS 28.90.990;**

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(j)(5)(B) is repealed December 31, 2015.

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.10.421(j) is repealed December 31, 2019.

\* **Sec. 5.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2013.

\* **Sec. 6.** Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).