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Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2 Sponsor Statement

The **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2** will codify in law an option for an Alaska resident to purchase a **National Rifle Association** commemoration license plate for their vehicle. 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 establish and maintain a **scholastic clay target program** and for other youth shooting programs.

These special request plates will cost **\$50 in addition** to the normal registration fee required for a particular vehicle. Alaskans who choose to purchase the plate must pay a **\$30 fee** in addition to the normal two year renewal fee each time they renew their license plate tags. The idea behind the license plates is to help **fund scholastic clay target programs and give Alaska's young shooters a chance to have the resources seen in the Lower 48.**

This bill began as a grassroots effort by a **local entrepreneur** and small business owner who is heavily involved with **youth shooting programs, gun safety and competition.** His goal is to see opportunities open for students who desire to take part in competitive shooting programs that have **flourished nation-wide.** With help from funds that could come from NRA commemorative license plates, scholastic shooting programs would get a boost.

Tennessee is the most recent state to have proposed and passed an idea like the NRA piece of the **CS** for **Senate Bill 2.** Other states offering the license plates **are Idaho, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Virginia.**

Additionally, this **Committee Substitute** will make available special request **breast cancer awareness plates.** These plates will cost an additional \$50 to purchase and will be collected on the first issuance and the replacement of the special request plates.

I've heard from many constituents who have had **their lives touched by breast cancer,** and this symbolic gesture is what they're asking for. Sometimes it's the little things the Legislature does that make our constituents happy. There isn't a member of either house who has not known someone dear to them who has been touched by this disease.

Please assist me by supporting the **CS for Senate Bill 2.**