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HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 93(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to special request registration plates; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

5 (bb) Special request United States flag "In God We Trust" plates. Upon
6 application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration
7 plates with a design incorporating the flag of the United States and the motto "In God
8 We Trust" on the plate. The commissioner shall determine the design and color of the
9 plates. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this
10 subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

11 (cc) Special request Lao veteran plates. Upon application by the owner of a
12 motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates commemorating the
13 owner's service in military operations in support of the United States in the Kingdom
14 of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975. The commissioner shall

determine the design and color of the Lao veteran plates in consultation with veterans' and Southeast Asian community organizations in the state. To be issued a registration plate under this subsection, the owner must present evidence satisfactory to the department that the owner served in military operations as required by this subsection. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplicate of an existing registration.

(dd) Special request choose life plates. Upon application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates with the phrase "choose life" on the plate. The commissioner, after consulting with Alaska Choose Life, 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.

(ee) Special request plates commemorating the National Rifle Association. Upon application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates commemorating the National Rifle Association. The commissioner, after consulting with representatives of the National Rifle Association in 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.

(ff) Special request breast cancer awareness plates. Upon application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue breast cancer awareness registration plates. The commissioner, after consulting with the Alaska office of the American Cancer Society, 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.

(gg) Special request specialty organization plates. The department shall adopt regulations to allow for the issuance of special request specialty organization registration plates sponsored by an organization that is based in this state and is tax exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c), is an Alaska chapter of a national organization that is tax exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c), is a department of the state, or is a municipality of the state. The department shall determine a common design and color for the plates

and provide for the placement of the artwork of the organization and a short piece of descriptive text on the plate. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates duplicate an existing registration. The regulations

(1) must provide that the entity requesting the issuance of the plates

(A) submit an application on a form provided by the department;

(B) pay an application fee set by the department for issuance of the new registration plates;

(C) submit registration fees for at least 50 motor vehicles before specialty registration plates will be issued;

(D) may not be offensive in purpose, nature, activity, or name;

(E) may charge a fee for issuance of a specialty registration plate in addition to any registration fees set by statute or regulation;

(2) must provide for a minimum number of registrations and renewals of the specialty plate and for cancellation of specialty plates that do not meet that minimum; the regulations must provide that before a specialty plate may be cancelled the entity sponsoring the plate be given notice at least six months before the proposed cancellation;

(3) must establish procedures for owners of vehicles to purchase specialty registration plates under this subsection.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.421(d)(2) is amended to read:

(2) special request plates for

(A) Alaska National Guard personnel \$30;

(B) veterans, [OR] retired veterans, or Lao veterans \$30;

(C) recipients of the Purple Heart none;

(D) owners of custom collector vehicles \$50;

(E) Iditarod race finishers \$50;

(F) other special request plates \$30;

plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of

special request plates;

* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(20) special request United States flag "In God We Trust" plates.. \$30 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.

(21) special request choose life plates \$30 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; the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request choose life plates may be appropriated by the legislature to programs supporting or benefiting adoption.

(22) special request National Rifle Association plates \$50 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$50 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the replacement of the special request plates; a \$30 fee shall be collected biennially thereafter in the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits into 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 establish and maintain a scholastic clay target program and for other youth shooting programs.

(23) special request breast cancer awareness plates..... \$50 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$50 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the replacement of the special request plates; the commissioner shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits into 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 programs that provide screening for breast and cervical cancer.

(24) special request specialty organization plates under AS 28.10.181(gg)..... \$30 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$30 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance of and the replacement of the plates; in addition, an entity sponsoring a special request specialty organization plate may charge a fee on first issuance and renewal of the plates.

* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2012.