

CS FOR SENATE BILL 206 (STA) 28-LS 1531\C

***Section 1:** Amends AS 28.10.108(h)

Amended to permit the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to use electronic mail as a method to provide notice of registration renewal to the registered owner of record.

***Section 2:** Amends AS 28.10.421(a)

Amends the statute to waive the \$10 service fee for vehicle registration renewals conducted online.

***Section 3:** Amends AS 28.15.046(b)

Amended to require the applicant for a school bus license under AS 28.15.046(a) to submit a criminal background check with a 10 year history. The current statutory requirement only provides for a two year history. A criminal background check is an individual's complete record. The bill requires the DMV to look for crimes from the last 10 years instead of the last two years.

***Section 4:** Repeals and reenacts AS 28.15.046(c)

Repealed and reenacted to restructure the disqualifying offenses for school bus drivers in the state. The changes will allow the DMV to deny an application for a school bus license if the person has been convicted of the following offenses:

1. murder in the first and second degree;*
2. manslaughter; criminally negligent homicide;*
3. multiple deaths;*
4. murder or manslaughter of an unborn child;*
5. criminally negligent homicide of an unborn child;*
6. assault in the first, second, and third degree;*
7. stalking in the first and second degree;*
8. assault of an unborn child in the first and second degree;*
9. kidnapping;*
10. custodial interference;*
11. human trafficking in the first and second degree;*
12. sexual assault in any degree;
13. sexual abuse of a minor in any degree;
14. robbery in the first and second degree;*
15. extortion;*
16. sexual abuse in any degree;
17. incest;
18. online enticement of a minor;
19. indecent exposure in the first and second degree;*
20. unlawful exploitation of a minor;
21. a felony violation of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree;*
22. felony indecent viewing or photography;*

23. distribution of child pornography;*
24. possession of child pornography;*
25. distribution of indecent material to minors;*
26. felony prostitution;*
27. sex trafficking in the first, second, or third degree;*
28. a felony involving distribution of a controlled or imitation controlled substance;
29. felony DUI;
30. felony refusal.

*New disqualifying offense for becoming a school bus driver.

The bill also prohibits the issuance of a bus driver license if less than two years have elapsed since an individual's conviction for assault in the fourth degree, reckless endangerment, a misdemeanor violation of endangering the welfare of a child, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, or misdemeanor prostitution.

***Section 5:** Repeals and reenacts AS 28.15.046(d)

The new statute will modify the two year period to require the DMV deny issuance of a license if less than two years has elapsed since the applicant's conviction for the first time for driving under the influence or a refusal, less than five years has elapsed from their conviction for the second time for driving under the influence or refusal, or less than 10 years has elapsed from conviction from a refusal to submit to a chemical test if the offense occurred while driving a commercial motor vehicle.

***Section 6:** Amends AS 28.15.046(e)

This statute modifies the language "substantially similar" to "similar," which will provide the DMV with a broader mechanism for reviewing if convictions under prior state laws or laws from other jurisdictions would disqualify the applicant from being eligible for obtaining a school bus license in Alaska.

***Section 7:** Amends AS 28.15 by adding new subsections.

Newly created subsections will allow the DMV to immediately cancel the license of a school bus operator if they have been convicted of any of the disqualifying offenses. Section 7 also requires school bus drivers to renew licenses every five years and submit to a criminal background check. This section gives the DMV discretion to issue a license to a person convicted of one of the misdemeanor offenses if the offense was not against a child.

***Section 8:** Amends AS 28.15.101(c)

Amends the statute to allow eligible DMV customers to renew their license by using the DMV's website. DMV currently allows for a partial renewal by mail by completing the application online then mailing the paperwork to DMV for processing.

***Section 9:** Amends AS 28.15.161(a)

Amends the statute to allow DMV to cancel the school bus license that has been issued if the person has been convicted of an offense described in AS 28.15.046 that would otherwise disqualify the licensee from obtaining a license.

***Section 10:** Amends AS 28.35.080(b)

Amends the statute to allow for a driver involved in an accident to submit either a written or electronic version of an accident report for crashes that exceed \$2000 or more and are not reported by law enforcement.

***Section 11:** Amends AS 28.35.080(c)

Amends the statute to allow for the accident report that is required to be completed for a driver involved in a qualifying accident to be available on the DMV's website. This will bring current practice into law.

***Section 12:** Amends 28.35.080(e)

Amends the statute to allow law enforcement who investigate an accident to submit an electronic crash report to the DMV unless they qualify for an exemption from DPS. This process will put the submission of crash reports into a format that is currently used with the electronic submission of citations using the traffic record and criminal software (TRaCS) software.

***Section 13:** Amends AS 28.35.080 by adding new subsection (g)

The terminology among law enforcement and other state agencies has transitioned from the term "accident" to "crash." Rather than changing "accident" to "crash" throughout Title 28, this statute is being amended to add a new section that will allow all accident reports submitted under this section to satisfy the requirements of reporting a motor vehicle accident in Alaska.

***Section 14:** Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska

Authorizes section 4-7 of the Act to apply to offenses committed before, on, or after the effective date of the Act. For those renewing bus driver licenses they do not apply if they were unconditionally discharged before July 1, 2004.

***Section 15:** Effective date

Makes the effective date July 1, 2014.