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**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 194(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI BY REQUEST

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to a veteran's designation on an identification card or a driver's license  
2 for Hmong veterans and Lao veterans."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 18.65.310(*l*) is amended to read:

5 (l) At the request of the person, the department shall provide a veteran  
6 designation and United States flag replica on an identification card identifying the  
7 person as a retired veteran, [OR] a veteran of the armed forces of the United States  
8 discharged under honorable conditions, or a Hmong veteran or Lao veteran who  
9 served in military operations in support of the United States in the Kingdom of  
10 Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975. The department may not  
11 charge a fee solely for the designation. To receive a veteran designation, the person  
12 shall provide proof of veteran status that shows the person is retired, was [OR]  
13 discharged under honorable conditions, or is a Hmong veteran or Lao veteran. The  
14 department shall consult with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs

1 **to determine the proof necessary to show that a person is a Hmong veteran or**  
2 **Lao veteran.** With the approval of the person, the department shall make available to  
3 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs the name and address of a person  
4 receiving a veteran designation under this subsection. Notwithstanding (a) of this  
5 section, the department may charge a fee of \$5 for replacement of a valid  
6 identification card with a new identification card with a veteran designation.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.15.111(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) At the request of an applicant, the department shall provide a veteran  
9 designation and United States flag replica on a license identifying the driver as a  
10 retired veteran, [OR] a veteran of the armed forces of the United States discharged  
11 under honorable conditions, **or a Hmong veteran or Lao veteran who served in**  
12 **military operations in support of the United States in the Kingdom of Laos**  
13 **between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975.** The department may not charge a  
14 fee solely for the designation. To receive a veteran designation, the driver shall make  
15 available proof of veteran status that shows that the person is retired, **was** [OR]  
16 discharged under honorable conditions, **or is a Hmong veteran or Lao veteran. The**  
17 **department shall consult with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**  
18 **to determine the proof necessary to show that a person is a Hmong veteran or**  
19 **Lao veteran.** With the approval of the applicant, the department shall make available  
20 to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs the name and address of a driver  
21 receiving a veteran designation under this subsection. The department may charge a  
22 fee of \$5 for replacement of a valid driver's license with a new license with a veteran  
23 designation. A replacement license with a veteran designation issued for \$5 under this  
24 subsection shall retain the expiration date of the license it replaces.