

Summary of Changes ver. W, ver. E, ver. P

All three versions of the bills addressed guidelines for drivers when encountering or being stopped by a police officer; driver's license examinations; and the opportunity to voluntarily have a disability designation on a state identification card or driver's license.

The only changes between the three versions was the training component.

In the original version W, a law enforcement training component would need to be developed and all law enforcement officers would be required to take this extra training.

During the hearing in State Affairs last session, the disability community and the law enforcement folks testified that they were working together to incorporate non-apparent disability training into the existing disability training component. At that juncture, a CS for HB 77(STA) version E was offered by House State Affairs and they removed the training component entirely.

The final CSHB 77(FIN) version P, was worked on throughout last interim. The Anchorage Police Department's Officer Academy training and the State's Public Safety Training Academy both had disability training programs but they differed slightly in regard to non-apparent disabilities. Version P of the bill lists the basics in statute. The Alaska Police Standards council is responsible for these standardized disability trainings throughout the State.

Additionally in the final version P, disability trainings were added for village public safety officers.