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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

SENATE BILL 169 (version U)

Alaska State Council on the Arts

Sec. 1: AS 28.10.421(a), relating to fees paid to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for vehicle license plates, allows for an additional fee, set by Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) regulation, and not to exceed \$50, when a person chooses a new or replacement ASCA artistic plate.

The subsection also provides that these additional fees will be accounted for separately and that the total amount that exceeds the costs of the Artistic License Plate Program may be appropriated to fund the ASCA.

Sec. 2: AS 44.27, relating to the ASCA generally, adds a new section (AS 44.27.053) providing that the Attorney General is legal counsel for ASCA, similar to other state agencies, and also allows the ASCA to retain additional legal counsel as needed, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

Sec. 3: AS 44.27.055(d), relating to the ASCA managing its affairs, exempts from the purview of the Executive Budget Act those funds received by ASCA from private non-profit foundation partners.

Sec. 4: AS 44.27.080(a), relating to an ASCA-sponsored competition for artistic plates design, from being mandatory to being optional, every four years, at the discretion of ASCA.

Sec. 5: AS 44.27.080(c), relating to the artistic plate design competition, restores authority for the ASCA to award the artist of the winning design a monetary amount set in regulation, from the funds generated by the artistic plates. This provision was repealed in 2018.

Sec. 6: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2020.