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House Bill 90 Sectional **Rental vehicles; Vehicle rental networks; Vehicle rental taxes**

This bill amends Alaska Statutes 43 and 45.

Section 1: States that this act may be known as the “Vehicle Rental Modernization Act.”

Section 2: Specifies that Alaska’s existing Vehicle Rental Tax should be paid by the individual who either provides the leased or rented vehicle, or by a vehicle rental network.

Section 3: References the definitions for “Vehicle Rental Business” and “Vehicle Rental Network” in Section 7.

Section 4: A “Vehicle Rental Network” is a business that arranges or executes personal passenger vehicle or recreational vehicle rentals, and which is subject to laws which govern vehicle rental businesses, including AS 19.75.915, AS 28.10.375, AS 28.35.320, and AS 45.45.425-459. Adjusts language to apply requirements for electronic notices or disclosures to vehicle rental networks.

Sections 5&6: Adjusts language to specify that any vehicle rental businesses leasing or renting their vehicles should comply with current cost disclosure requirements and must also comply in charging fees only as they are equivalent to the actual costs of operating.

Section 7: Deletes existing reference to definition of “car” and deletes current definition of “rental car business.” Applies new definition of vehicle rentals including passenger vehicles, personal vehicles, recreational vehicles, vehicle rental businesses and vehicle rental networks. Further specifies that vehicle rental business can be either a direct renter of vehicles or a vehicle rental network.

Additional info Section 4: Vehicle rental businesses could include an individual owner leasing or renting vehicles from his personal home/ business- this does not limit just to platforms such as Turo/Getaround.

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Referenced statutes which currently apply to rental car businesses and which would apply to vehicle rental networks-

AS 19.75.915: The person renting a vehicle is responsible for paying the costs associated with that rental.

AS 28.10.375: Rental price is subject to adjustment by the entity renting the vehicle.

AS 28.35.320: Failure to return a rental vehicle is a offense punishable by up to five years imprisonment and up to \$1,000 in fines.

AS 45.45.425-459: Cost recovery fees charged must be identified; Cost recovery fees must reflect a good faith estimate on average daily costs of operating the vehicle and the yearly licensing fees.

Additional info Section 5: Costs to be disclosed include any charges, fees, airport-costs, government taxes, and government surcharges applied to consumers.

Additional info Section 6: Renters or consumers may only be charged fees relevant to recovering actual costs of operating, and must adjust costs based on the actual costs of operation.