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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 203(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR REVAK

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act designating the Alaska marine highway system and portions of the Parks, Glenn, Seward, and Sterling Highways as a part of the State's Purple Heart Trail and relating to signage and informational displays for the trail."

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

*** Section 1.** AS 35.40.210(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Alaska Highway from the Alaska-Canada Border to Delta Junction**,** [AND] the Richardson Highway between Delta Junction and Fairbanks**, the George Parks Highway between Fairbanks and Wasilla, the Glenn Highway between Wasilla and Anchorage, the Seward Highway between Anchorage and the Seward-Sterling highway junction, the Sterling Highway to its termination at the end of the Homer Spit, and the Alaska marine highway system** are concurrently designated the Purple Heart Trail.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 35.40.210(b) is amended to read:

(b) The department shall erect and maintain appropriate signs **on each vessel**

of the Alaska marine highway system and facing the oncoming traffic in both directions entering the highway at Fairbanks, Delta Junction, Tok Junction, the Alaska Border, **the Veterans Memorial at Byers Lake, Wasilla, Anchorage, the junction of the Seward and Sterling highways, Soldotna, Homer,** and at points **determined by the department** [APPROXIMATELY HALFWAY] between those locations designating the highways described in (a) of this section as the Purple Heart Trail. Each sign must

(1) display a replica of the Purple Heart Medal;

(2) contain the following statement: "Purple Heart Trail."

*** Sec. 3.** AS 35.40.210(c) is amended to read:

(c) At not fewer than **six** [THREE] pullouts along the Purple Heart Trail, selected by the commissioner, the department shall erect informational displays including

(1) a replica of the Purple Heart Medal;

(2) the following statement: "Purple Heart Trail";

(3) information pertinent to the Purple Heart Medal and Purple Heart Trail and their history.

*** Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

DONATIONS FOR PURPLE HEART TRAIL SIGNAGE AND INFORMATIONAL DISPLAYS. Notwithstanding the absence of separate accounting authority under AS 37.05.146, The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities may accept gifts, donations, and grants from a person or agency for the purpose of providing signage and informational displays required by AS 35.40.210(b) and (c), as amended by secs. 2 and 3 of this Act. Gifts, donations, and grants shall be used in accordance with a memorandum of understanding agreed on by the donor and the department.

*** Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY SIGNAGE AND INFORMATIONAL DISPLAYS. The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities may create and erect the signs and informational displays required by AS 43.40.210(b) and (c), as amended by secs. 2 and 3 of

this Act, as funding for the signs and displays is made available through appropriation or donation to the department, regardless of whether the department has sufficient funding to create and erect all the signs and informational displays required by AS 35.40.210(b) and (c), as amended by secs. 2 and 3 of this Act.