

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 43(FIN)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 1/29/97**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE MULDER**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to registration of vehicles, to municipal taxation of vehicles, and  
2 to emission control inspection fees for vehicles; and providing for an effective  
3 date."

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 28.10.108(f) is amended to read:

6 (f) Upon request of the owner and payment of the proportionate prorated  
7 applicable fees, a vehicle registered under this section shall have its registration period  
8 extended in monthly increments to allow biennial registration to occur in the month  
9 of the owner's choice. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, upon  
10 request of the owner, [AND] payment of the annual fee set out in AS 28.10.421(h),  
11 payment of any annual vehicle registration tax due under AS 28.10.431(l), and,  
12 if applicable, payment of one-half of the biennial emission control inspection  
13 program fee imposed under AS 28.10.423, the department shall register a [RENTAL  
14 MOTOR] vehicle used for commercial purposes for a one-year period.

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.421(h) is amended to read:

(h) The annual registration fees under this subsection for [RENTAL MOTOR] vehicles used for commercial purposes [UNDER THIS SUBSECTION] are imposed and are based upon the actual unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised weight or upon the actual weight which the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative, as follows:

- (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds . . . . . \$51;
- (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds . . \$86;
- (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds \$156;
- (4) more than 18,000 pounds . . . . . \$221.

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.431(j) is amended to read:

(j) A municipality that imposes a motor vehicle registration tax as described under (a) of this section may also increase or decrease the scheduled amount of tax described under (b) or (l) of this section by passage of an appropriate ordinance. A municipality that chooses to change the tax imposed under (b) or (l) of this section shall file a written notice of the change with the department by January 1 of the year preceding the year in which the change in tax is to take effect. A municipality may not change the amount of the tax imposed under this section more than once every two years. The department may charge a municipality a one-time fee to cover the cost to the department of implementing a change under this subsection.

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.10.431 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(l) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, an annual tax is levied upon vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(c) and subject to the registration fee under AS 28.10.411 and 28.10.421 if the owner elects to register the vehicle annually as allowed under AS 28.10.108(f). The tax is based on the age of the vehicle as determined by model year according to the following schedule:

Tax According to Age of  
Vehicle

Since Model Year:

1st    2nd    3rd    4th    5th    6th    7th    8th

or over

1	5,000 pounds or less	\$ 66	\$ 55	\$ 44	\$ 33	\$22	\$17	\$11	\$ 8
2	5,001-12,000 pounds	110	88	66	55	44	33	22	11
3	12,001-18,000 pounds	165	132	110	88	66	44	32	22
4	18,001 pounds or over	220	176	143	110	88	66	44	22.

5     \* **Sec. 5.** TRANSITIONAL MUNICIPAL TAXING AUTHORITY. Notwithstanding  
6 AS 28.10.431(c), any municipal registration tax levied on vehicles under AS 28.10.431(1),  
7 added by sec. 4 of this Act, may be collected, enforced, and otherwise administered by the  
8 municipality that imposes that tax. Only one annual registration tax levied under  
9 AS 28.10.431(1) may be collected with respect to the same vehicle in the year for which the  
10 tax is paid. The authority granted to municipalities under this section to collect, enforce, or  
11 administer the municipal registration tax on vehicles only applies to vehicles that were  
12 registered on or after January 1, 1997, and before the effective date of this Act.

13     \* **Sec. 6.** This Act is retroactive to January 1, 1997.

14     \* **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).