CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 438(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/3/02 Referred: Finance

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

- 1 "An Act relating to motor vehicle registration plates for disabled veterans; and
- 2 providing for an effective date."

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

- * **Section 1.** AS 28.10.181(d) is amended to read:
 - (d) Vehicles owned by disabled veterans, including persons disabled in the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with disabilities. Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one passenger vehicle in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue a specially designed registration plate that displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the applicant's disability originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial Guard or the armed forces of the United States; and (B) the standard symbol of disability (the wheelchair logo); and (C) if the applicant is a veteran, the Alaska and United States flags and red, white, and blue colors. A person [DISABLED]

VETERAN] who is not otherwise qualified under this subsection, but who meets the
qualifications of a disabled veteran under AS 29.45.030(i) [PRESENTS TO THE
DEPARTMENT WRITTEN PROOF THAT THE PERSON IS AT LEAST 70
PERCENT DISABLED OR MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED AS A
CONSEQUENCE OF SERVICE IN THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD OR
THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES], may register one passenger
vehicle without charge, and the department shall issue a specially designed registration
plate that displays recognition of the disabled veteran that does not display the
standard handicap symbol and does not carry with it special parking privileges. For
purposes of this subsection, proof of disability may be provided by a person licensed
as a physician under AS 08.64 or as an advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.

* Sec. 2. AS 28.10.421(d)(3) is amended to read:

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2003.