

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sponsor Statement for HB 137

The Division of Motor Vehicles provides essential services to Alaskans through the offices that are located throughout the state. These services include but are not limited to issuance of driver's licenses, renewal of driver's licenses, driver's license examinations, vehicle transfers, commercial registrations, name changes, and handicap parking applications. This bill creates protections to ensure that essential services are accessible to Alaskan communities. The department may not close or contract for the operation of an office in a community with a population of 850 persons or more. This bill protects residents of communities across Alaska, including Tok, Haines, Valdez, Eagle River, Homer, and Delta Junction from privatization and price hikes without oversight.