

**HOUSE BILL NO. 217**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KREISS-TOMKINS

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to special request registration plates commemorating the arts; and  
2 relating to the Alaska State Council on the Arts."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 28.10.181(u) is amended to read:

5 (u) Special request plates commemorating the arts. Upon application by the  
6 owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates  
7 commemorating the arts. The commissioner, after consulting with the Alaska State  
8 Council on the Arts, shall determine the design and color of plates commemorating the  
9 arts. The commissioner shall choose a new design for the plates commemorating  
10 the arts every four years and discontinue issuance of the previous design. The  
11 department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection  
12 when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

13 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.421(d)(15) is amended to read:

14 (15) special request plates commemorating the arts ..... \$50 [\$150]

1 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee  
 2 required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the  
 3 replacement of the special request plates [BIENNIALY IN THE SAME  
 4 MANNER AS THE FEE REQUIRED UNDER (b), (c), (h), OR (i) OF THIS  
 5 SECTION]; the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees  
 6 received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund;  
 7 notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is  
 8 in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the  
 9 legislature for the support of programs benefiting the arts;

10 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 44.27 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 44.27.070. Competition for the design of the special request plate**  
 12 **commemorating the arts.** The council shall hold a competition every four years to  
 13 select a design for the special request plate commemorating the arts under  
 14 AS 28.10.181(u). The council shall select a panel of judges to judge the submissions  
 15 for the contest and shall include the previous design winner on the panel. The panel  
 16 shall select the top submissions, and the council shall conduct a public vote to  
 17 determine the winner of the competition. The council shall use the winning design  
 18 when consulting with the commissioner of administration under AS 28.10.181(u).

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

21 **TRANSITION.** The Alaska State Council on the Arts shall hold the first design  
 22 competition within one year after the effective date of this Act.