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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SENATE BILL 210

“An Act relating to special request specialty organization registration plates.”

Since 2009, the Legislature has passed eight bills that authorized specialty license plates. In some cases, multiple pieces of specialty plate legislation were rolled into one bill. For example, in the 27th Legislature, four bills were rolled into one bill that authorized six different plates.

Each year, the Legislature is tasked with approving a specialty plate for the various organizations and non-profits that request these plates. As of now, there are at least ninety-two different license plates that can be purchased at the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Senate Bill 210 was introduced to remove the Legislature from having to approve specialty plates. Those duties would be turned over to the Division of Motor Vehicles under this legislation. The division would adopt regulations to allow for the issuance of the specialty plates that are sponsored by an organization that is based within the state and is tax exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c), is an Alaska chapter of a national organization that is tax exempt, is a department of the state or a municipality within the state.

An entity requesting a plate through DMV must submit an application, pay an application fee, pay the cost of developing and issuing the specialty plate, and may be charged a fee for issuance of the specialty license plate in addition to any registration fees.