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March 12, 2020

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair  
House Transportation Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Stutes:

Thank you for scheduling SB 115, Motor Fuel Taxes, for hearings in the House Transportation Committee. At the first hearing on March 10<sup>th</sup>, Representative Story asked my staff a question regarding the impetus for the permanent vehicle registration in AS 28.10.155.

This statute was proposed in the 28<sup>th</sup> Legislature in House Bill 19 sponsored by Representative Bill Stoltze. It passed the Legislature on April 21, 2014 and signed into law by the Governor on June 20, 2014. It went into effect on January 1, 2015.

The provision enabling owners of non-commercial vehicles to obtain a permanent vehicle registration for \$25 if the vehicle is eight years or older appeared in the original bill as introduced. It was the House Rules Committee that adopted a committee substitute restricting a permanent vehicle registration to non-commercial vehicles registered in the unorganized borough or a municipality that has elected by ordinance to participate. The bill's sponsor testified in the House Rules Committee that he did not support the amendment; however, it was adopted unanimously by the committee after receiving strong support from municipalities in public testimony.

House Bill 19 passed the House by a vote of 32-5 and passed the Senate by a vote of 18-2. I hope this information is sufficient to answer Representative Story's question. If further information is needed, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Click Bishop".

Senator Click Bishop

cc: Representative Andi Story