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Sponsor Statement for CSHB 137 ver G

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. Many are required to be in person at a state office by state or federal statute. The department is required to continue operation of a public office in a community with a population of 850 persons or more with the same services they provided as of Jan 1st, 2021. This bill protects residents of communities across Alaska, including Tok, Haines, Valdez, Eagle River, Homer, and Delta Junction from loss of services and price hikes without oversight.