

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 440(TRA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/25/96  
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE KOTT

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to motor vehicle registration and motor vehicle registration fees;  
2 and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 28.10.021 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) The department shall establish procedures that allow a person who renews  
6 registration for a commercial or noncommercial vehicle to renew registration by mail.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.108(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) Subject to the provisions of (f) of this section, a vehicle subject to  
9 registration

10 (1) under AS 28.10.011 and 28.10.421(b)(3) and (4) and (c)(1) - (4)  
11 shall have its initial registration, and may have its annual registration, renewed during  
12 the month of December;

13 (2) under AS 28.10.181, 28.10.411 and 28.10.421(d)(3) and (8) [(9)]  
14 shall have its initial registration, and may have its annual registration, renewed during

1 the month of January.

2 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) Unless otherwise provided by law,

4 (1) the fees prescribed in this section shall be paid to the department  
5 at the times provided under AS 28.10.108 and 28.10.111; and

6 (2) [AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$10 SHALL BE ADDED TO] the  
7 registration fee set out in this section **shall be reduced by \$5 when** [FOR] registration  
8 **is** [NOT] conducted by mail **and may be reduced by \$5 when registration is**  
9 **conducted by electronic transmission** [; THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THIS  
10 ADDITIONAL FEE FOR A GOOD CAUSE BASED ON CRITERIA ESTABLISHED  
11 IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT].

12 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.10.421(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) The annual registration fees under this subsection are imposed within the  
14 following classifications for:

15 (1) a passenger vehicle or motor home not used or maintained for the  
16 transportation of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use  
17 ..... **\$40** [\$35];

18 (2) a pick-up truck or a van not exceeding 6,000 pounds unladen  
19 weight and not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire  
20 or for other commercial use ..... **\$45** [\$40];

21 (3) a taxicab ..... **\$75** [\$70];

22 (4) a motor bus with a seating capacity for 20 or more persons and  
23 used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists  
24 ..... **\$90** [\$85];

25 (5) a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle ..... **\$25** [\$20];

26 (6) a trailer not used or maintained for the transportation of persons  
27 or property for hire or for other commercial use, including, but not limited to, a boat  
28 trailer, baggage trailer, box trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, travel trailer, or a trailer  
29 rented or offered for rent ..... **\$10** [\$ 5].

30 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 28.10.421(c) is amended to read:

31 (c) The annual registration fees under this subsection are imposed and are

1 based upon the actual unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised  
2 weight or upon the actual weight which the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval  
3 of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative, for a vehicle, including a  
4 motor vehicle pulling a trailer or semi-trailer, that is registered in the name of a  
5 company or business, or is used or maintained for the transportation of passengers for  
6 hire, excepting taxicabs and buses under (b) of this section, or for the transportation  
7 of property for hire or for other commercial purposes, including a trailer, semi-trailer,  
8 truck, wrecker, tow car, hearse, ambulance, and tractor, as follows:

- 9 (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds . . . . . **\$56** [\$51];
- 10 (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds  
11 . . . . . **\$91** [\$86];
- 12 (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds  
13 . . . . . **\$161** [\$156];
- 14 (4) more than 18,000 pounds . . . . . **\$226** [\$221].

15 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended to read:

16 (d) The special registration fees under this subsection are imposed annually,  
17 unless otherwise specified, for:

- 18 (1) an historic vehicle (one time only upon initial registration under  
19 AS 28.10.181) . . . . . \$10;
- 20 (2) special request plates for
  - 21 (A) Alaska National Guard personnel . . . . . \$30;
  - 22 (B) veterans or retired veterans . . . . . \$30;
  - 23 (C) recipients of the Purple Heart . . . . . \$30;
  - 24 (D) owners of custom collector vehicles . . . . . **\$55** [\$50];
  - 25 (E) other special request plates . . . . . **\$35** [\$30];

26 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section; the fee required  
27 by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the  
28 replacement of special request plates;

29 (3) a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran or other handicapped person,  
30 and registered under AS 28.10.181 or a resident 65 years of age or older who files a  
31 written application for an exemption on a form prescribed by the department . . . . .

1 . . . . . none;

2 (4) a vehicle owned by the state . . . . . none;

3 (5) a vehicle owned by an elected state official . . . . . the fee

4 required for that vehicle under (b) of this section;

5 (6) [REPEALED]

6 (7)] a vehicle owned by a rancher, farmer, or dairyman and registered

7 under AS 28.10.181 . . . . . \$40 [\$35];

8 (7) [(8)] a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle . . . . . \$10 [\$ 5];

9 (8) [(9)] an amateur mobile radio station vehicle,

10 (A) with a transceiver capable of less than 5-band operation

11 . . . the fee required for that vehicle under (b) or (c) of this section;

12 (B) in recognition of service to the public: a mobile amateur

13 radio station owned by an amateur with general class or higher license,

14 provided the station must be satisfactorily proved capable of operating on at

15 least five bands from 160 through 10 meters, must have an antenna, and must

16 have a power supply and wiring as a permanent part of the vehicle; the

17 transmitting unit may be removed from the car for service or dry storage . . .

18 . . . . . none

19 for a mobile amateur radio station vehicle included in (b)(1) or (2) of this

20 section;

21 (9) [(10)] dealer registration plates,

22 (A) the initial set of plates . . . . . \$50 [\$45];

23 (B) each subsequent set of plates . . . . . \$30 [\$25];

24 (10) [(11)] a vehicle owned by a municipality or charitable organization

25 meeting the requirements of AS 28.10.181(e) . . . . . \$10 [\$ 5];

26 [(12) REPEALED]

27 (11) [(13)] a vehicle owned by a Pearl Harbor survivor or a former

28 prisoner of war . . . . . none;

29 (12) [(14) REPEALED]

30 (15)] special request university plates . . . . . \$50 plus the fee

31 required for that vehicle under (b)(1) or (2) of this section; the fee required by this

1 paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of  
2 special request plates; the commissioner of administration shall separately account by  
3 university campus designation for the fees received under this paragraph that the  
4 department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the accounts  
5 that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request university plates may be  
6 appropriated by the legislature for the support of programs at each campus.

7 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 28.10.431(b)(7) is amended to read:

8 (7) vehicles specified 66 55 44 33 22 17 11 8  
9 in **AS 28.10.421(d)(8)** [AS 28.10.421(d)(9)]

10 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 28.10.431(b)(9) is amended to read:

11 (9) vehicles eligible for 44  
12 dealer plates under **AS 28.10.421(d)(9)**  
13 [AS 28.10.421(d)(10)].

14 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 28.10.431(h) is amended to read:

15 (h) A vehicle owned by a former prisoner of war exempted from registration  
16 fees under **AS 28.10.431(d)(11)** [AS 28.10.421(d)(13)] is subject to a motor vehicle  
17 registration tax under this section.

18 \* **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1996.