

HOUSE BILL NO. 445

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LONG RANGE FINANCIAL
PLANNING COMMISSION

Introduced: 1/22/96

Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 28.10.108(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) A vehicle subject to registration [AND NOT DESCRIBED IN (b) OF THIS
6 SECTION] shall have its initial registration, and may have its annual registration,
7 renewed in the month of initial registration in the state, subject to the provisions of (f)
8 of this section.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.181(e) is amended to read:

10 (e) Vehicles owned by the state or a municipality [, MUNICIPALITIES,
11 AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE STATE]. Every certificate of
12 registration and registration plate issued to the state or [,] a municipality [, OR
13 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE] is in effect until the vehicle for
14 which the registration certificate and plate were issued is no longer owned and

1 operated by the state or [,] the municipality [, OR THE CHARITABLE
2 ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE] or until the department, in its discretion, declares
3 its expiration. The state or [,] municipality [, OR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
4 OF THE STATE] shall maintain a current listing of all vehicles registered to it in the
5 order of the registration number assigned to each vehicle, and shall provide a copy of
6 the listing to the department upon request. The listing must include a description of
7 each vehicle and other identifying information required by the department.
8 Registration plates issued under this subsection must be of a distinctive design and
9 numbering system. [FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION,
10 "CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION" MEANS A NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION,
11 CORPORATION, SOCIETY, OR OTHER ENTITY ORGANIZED,
12 INCORPORATED, OR HEADQUARTERED IN THE STATE FOR EDUCATIONAL,
13 CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, OR OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES,
14 AS PRESCRIBED IN REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.]

15 * **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(b) is amended to read:

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

18 (1) **a vehicle that is not used or maintained for the transportation**
19 **of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use and that is** a
20 passenger vehicle, [OR] motor home, **pick-up truck not exceeding 6,000 pounds**
21 **unladen weight, or van not exceeding 6,000 pounds unladen weight** [NOT USED
22 OR MAINTAINED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY
23 FOR HIRE OR FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL USE] **\$75** [\$35];

24 (2) [A PICK-UP TRUCK OR A VAN NOT EXCEEDING 6,000
25 POUNDS UNLADEN WEIGHT AND NOT USED OR MAINTAINED FOR THE
26 TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY FOR HIRE OR FOR OTHER
27 COMMERCIAL USE \$40;

28 (3)] a taxicab **\$140** [\$70];

29 **(3)** [(4)] a motor bus with a seating capacity for 20 or more persons
30 and used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists
31 **\$170** [\$85];

- 1 (4) [(5)] a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle **\$40** [\$20];
- 2 (5) [(6)] a trailer not used or maintained for the transportation of
- 3 persons or property for hire or for other commercial use, including, but not limited to,
- 4 a boat trailer, baggage trailer, box trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, travel trailer, or
- 5 a trailer rented or offered for rent **\$10** [\$5];
- 6 (6) a vehicle owned by a rancher, farmer, or dairyman and
- 7 registered under AS 28.10.181 **\$70**;
- 8 (7) a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle **\$10**;
- 9 (8) dealer registration plates,
- 10 (A) the initial set of plates **\$90**;
- 11 (B) each subsequent set of plates **\$50**.

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

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

14 based upon the actual unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised

15 weight or upon the actual weight which the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval

16 of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative, for a vehicle, including a

17 motor vehicle pulling a trailer or semi-trailer, that is registered in the name of a

18 company or business, or is used or maintained for the transportation of passengers for

19 hire, excepting taxicabs and buses under (b) of this section, or for the transportation

20 of property for hire or for other commercial purposes, including a trailer, semi-trailer,

21 truck, wrecker, tow car, hearse, ambulance, and tractor, as follows:

- 22 (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds **\$102** [\$51];
- 23 (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds
- 24 **\$172** [\$86];
- 25 (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds
- 26 **\$312** [\$156];
- 27 (4) more than 18,000 pounds **\$442** [\$221].

28 * **Sec. 5.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended to read:

29 (d) The special registration fees under this subsection are imposed annually,

30 unless otherwise specified, for:

- 31 (1) [AN HISTORIC VEHICLE (ONE TIME ONLY UPON INITIAL

- 1 REGISTRATION UNDER AS 28.10.181) \$10;
- 2 (2)] special request plates for
- 3 (A) Alaska National Guard personnel \$30;
- 4 (B) veterans or retired veterans \$30;
- 5 (C) recipients of the Purple Heart \$30;
- 6 (D) owners of custom collector or historic vehicles
- 7 **\$30** [\$50];
- 8 (E) amateur mobile radio station vehicles under
- 9 AS 28.10.181(i) **\$10**;
- 10 (F) other special request plates \$30;

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

14 (2) [(3) A VEHICLE OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN OR
 15 OTHER HANDICAPPED PERSON, AND REGISTERED UNDER AS 28.10.181 OR
 16 A RESIDENT 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO FILES A WRITTEN
 17 APPLICATION FOR AN EXEMPTION ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE
 18 DEPARTMENT NONE;

19 (4)] a vehicle owned by the state none;

20 (3) [(5)] a vehicle owned by an elected state official
 21 the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section;

22 (4) [(6) REPEALED

23 (7) A VEHICLE OWNED BY A RANCHER, FARMER, OR
 24 DAIRYMAN AND REGISTERED UNDER AS 28.10.181 \$35;

25 (8) A SNOWMOBILE OR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE \$5;

26 (9) AN AMATEUR MOBILE RADIO STATION VEHICLE,
 27 (A) WITH A TRANSCEIVER CAPABLE OF LESS THAN 5-
 28 BAND OPERATION THE FEE REQUIRED
 29 FOR THAT VEHICLE UNDER (b) OR (c) OF THIS SECTION;

30 (B) IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC: A
 31 MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO STATION OWNED BY AN AMATEUR WITH

1 GENERAL CLASS OR HIGHER LICENSE, PROVIDED THE STATION
2 MUST BE SATISFACTORILY PROVED CAPABLE OF OPERATING ON
3 AT LEAST FIVE BANDS FROM 160 THROUGH 10 METERS, MUST
4 HAVE AN ANTENNA, AND MUST HAVE A POWER SUPPLY AND
5 WIRING AS A PERMANENT PART OF THE VEHICLE; THE
6 TRANSMITTING UNIT MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CAR FOR
7 SERVICE OR DRY STORAGE NONE
8 FOR A MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO STATION VEHICLE INCLUDED IN
9 (b)(1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION;

10 (10) DEALER REGISTRATION PLATES,

11 (A) THE INITIAL SET OF PLATES \$45;

12 (B) EACH SUBSEQUENT SET OF PLATES \$25;

13 (11)] a vehicle owned by a municipality [OR CHARITABLE
14 ORGANIZATION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF AS 28.10.181(e)]
15 \$10 [\$5];

16 ~~(5)~~ [(12) REPEALED

17 (13) A VEHICLE OWNED BY A PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR OR
18 A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR NONE;

19 (14) REPEALED

20 (15)] special request university plates \$50 plus the fee
21 required for that vehicle under (b)(1) [OR (2)] of this section; the fee required by this
22 paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of
23 special request plates; the commissioner of administration shall separately account by
24 university campus designation for the fees received under this paragraph that the
25 department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the accounts
26 that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request university plates may be
27 appropriated by the legislature for the support of programs at each campus.

28 * **Sec. 6.** AS 28.10.421 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

29 (h) The Department of Labor shall adjust the fees imposed under this section
30 on July 1 of every even-numbered year to reflect changes in the transportation new
31 vehicle segment of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for all items

1 compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor, for the
2 second half of the preceding calendar year. The semiannual index for the second half
3 of 1996 is the reference base index. The Department of Labor shall round each fee
4 adjusted under this subsection to the nearest dollar. The Department of Labor shall
5 provide a schedule of the adjusted fees to the Department of Public Safety, and shall
6 make the schedule of the adjusted fees available to the public by November 1 of each
7 year in which fees are revised. An adjusted fee imposed under this subsection takes
8 effect on December 1 of the year in which the fee is adjusted.

9 * **Sec. 7.** AS 28.10.431(b)(3) is amended to read:

10 (3) vehicles 66 55 44 33 22 17 11 8

11 specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(2)

12 [AS 28.10.421(b)(3)]

13 * **Sec. 8.** AS 28.10.431(b)(5) is amended to read:

14 (5) vehicles 110 88 66 55 44 33 22 11

15 specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(3)

16 [AS 28.10.421(b)(4)]

17 * **Sec. 9.** AS 28.10.431(b)(6) is amended to read:

18 (6) vehicles 9 8 7 6 4 3 2 2

19 specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(5)

20 [AS 28.10.421(b)(6)]

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

22 (9) vehicles eligible for 44

23 dealer plates under AS 28.10.421(b)(8)

24 [AS 28.10.421(d)(10)].

25 * **Sec. 11.** AS 28.10.495(c) is amended to read:

26 (c) Proof of disablement or medical handicap, for the purpose of this section,

27 consists of proof that the individual has a disability that limits or impairs the

28 ability to walk as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2 [SHALL BE THE SAME AS THAT

29 REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF AS 28.10.181(d)].

30 * **Sec. 12.** AS 29.45.030(j) is amended to read:

31 (j) One motor vehicle per household owned by a resident 65 years of age or

1 older on January 1 of the assessment year is exempt [EITHER] from taxation on its
2 assessed value [OR FROM THE REGISTRATION TAX UNDER AS 28.10.431]. An
3 exemption may be granted under this subsection only upon written application on a
4 form prescribed by the Department of Public Safety.

5 * **Sec. 13.** AS 28.10.108(b), 28.10.181(d), 28.10.181(l), 28.10.411(f), 28.10.431(b)(7),
6 28.10.431(b)(8), 28.10.431(h); and AS 28.35.235(a)(2) are repealed.

7 * **Sec. 14.** Section 6 of this Act takes effect January 1, 1998.

8 * **Sec. 15.** Except as provided in sec. 14 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 1997.