

**SENATE BILL NO. 6**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS TAYLOR, Sharp

Introduced: 1/16/95

Referred: STA, JUD

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to registration of a motor vehicle and suspension of a driver's  
2 license for failure to appear in court or failure to pay a fine."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 12.25.200(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) A citation issued under AS 12.25.180 must indicate the amount of bail or  
6 fine applicable to the offense, the procedure a person must follow in responding to the  
7 citation, [AND] that if the person fails to pay the bail or fine the person must appear  
8 in court, and that failure to pay the bail or fine or appear in court for an offense  
9 involving a moving motor vehicle may result in denial of motor vehicle  
10 registration and suspension of the person's driver's license, privilege to drive, or  
11 privilege to obtain a license. In addition, a citation must indicate that the person has  
12 a right to

13 (1) a trial;

14 (2) engage counsel;

- 1 (3) confront and question witnesses;
- 2 (4) testify; and
- 3 (5) subpoena witnesses on the person's behalf.

4 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.041 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) If an applicant has received actual notice of a required payment of a fine  
6 for a parking offense and has failed to pay the fine, the department shall refuse to  
7 register any vehicle owned by the applicant until the applicant provides proof that the  
8 fine has been paid. An agency of the state or a municipality shall report a person's  
9 failure to pay a fine to the department as required by the department. The department  
10 may require electronic reporting.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.15.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (h) The court may suspend the driver's license, privilege to drive, or privilege  
13 to obtain a license of a person who fails to appear in court as required by a citation  
14 for an offense involving a moving motor vehicle, or who fails to pay a fine as required  
15 by the court for an offense involving a moving motor vehicle. If the court suspends  
16 a driver's license under this subsection, the court shall also provide notice of the  
17 suspension to the department. A suspension imposed under this subsection remains  
18 in effect until the person appears in court as required by the citation, or pays the fine  
19 as required by the court. When the person appears in court or pays the required fine,  
20 the court shall terminate the suspension imposed under this subsection and provide the  
21 department and the person with written notice of the termination.