

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 28(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/20/95  
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DONLEY, Zharoff, Salo

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to transfer of motor vehicle ownership, motor vehicle registration  
2 fees, and motor vehicle emissions inspection; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that money collected by increasing  
5 fees under secs. 4, 5, and 6 of this Act be appropriated to fund field offices of the division  
6 of motor vehicles.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.271 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (d) An emissions inspection and maintenance certificate shall be obtained when  
9 ownership of a motor vehicle is transferred, if the

10 (1) transferee resides in an area designated by the Department of  
11 Environmental Conservation as an emissions inspection and maintenance area;

12 (2) motor vehicle was manufactured in 1987 or earlier;

13 (3) motor vehicle would be subject to an emissions inspection and  
14 maintenance program; and

1 (4) motor vehicle has not been inspected for emissions or the existing  
2 emissions inspection certificate is more than 12 months old.

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

- 4 (a) Unless otherwise provided by law,
- 5 (1) the fees prescribed in this section shall be paid to the department
- 6 at the times provided under AS 28.10.108 and 28.10.111; and
- 7 (2) [AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$10 SHALL BE ADDED TO] the
- 8 registration fee set out in this section **shall be reduced by \$10 or the amount of the**
- 9 **fee, whichever is less,** for registration [NOT] conducted by mail [; THE
- 10 DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THIS ADDITIONAL FEE FOR A GOOD CAUSE
- 11 BASED ON CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE
- 12 DEPARTMENT].

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

- 14 (b) The annual registration fees under this subsection are imposed within the
- 15 following classifications for:
- 16 (1) a passenger vehicle or motor home not used or maintained for the
- 17 transportation of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use
- 18 ..... **\$45** [\$35];
- 19 (2) a pick-up truck or a van not exceeding 6,000 pounds unladen
- 20 weight and not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire
- 21 or for other commercial use ..... **\$50** [\$40];
- 22 (3) a taxicab ..... **\$80** [\$70];
- 23 (4) a motor bus with a seating capacity for 20 or more persons and
- 24 used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists
- 25 ..... **\$95** [\$85];
- 26 (5) a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle ..... **\$30** [\$20];
- 27 (6) a trailer not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or
- 28 property for hire or for other commercial use, including, but not limited to, a boat
- 29 trailer, baggage trailer, box trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, travel trailer, or a trailer
- 30 rented or offered for rent ..... **\$15** [\$5].

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

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

- 10 (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds . . . . . \$61 [\$51];  
11 (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds  
12 . . . . . \$96 [\$86];  
13 (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds  
14 . . . . . \$166 [\$156];  
15 (4) more than 18,000 pounds . . . . . \$231 [\$221].

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

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

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

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

30 (3) a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran or other handicapped person,  
31 and registered under AS 28.10.181 or a resident 65 years of age or older who files a

1 written application for an exemption on a form prescribed by the department  
2 ..... none;  
3 (4) a vehicle owned by the state ..... none;  
4 (5) a vehicle owned by an elected state official .....  
5 the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section;  
6 (6) [REPEALED  
7 (7)] a vehicle owned by a rancher, farmer, or dairyman and registered  
8 under AS 28.10.181 ..... \$45 [\$35];  
9 (7) [(8)] a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle ..... \$15 [\$5];  
10 (8) [(9)] an amateur mobile radio station vehicle,  
11 (A) with a transceiver capable of less than 5-band operation  
12 ..... the fee  
13 required for that vehicle under (b) or (c) of this section;  
14 (B) in recognition of service to the public: a mobile amateur  
15 radio station owned by an amateur with general class or higher license,  
16 provided the station must be satisfactorily proved capable of operating on at  
17 least five bands from 160 through 10 meters, must have an antenna, and must  
18 have a power supply and wiring as a permanent part of the vehicle; the  
19 transmitting unit may be removed from the car for service or dry storage  
20 ..... none  
21 for a mobile amateur radio station vehicle included in (b)(1) or (2) of this  
22 section;  
23 (9) [(10)] dealer registration plates,  
24 (A) the initial set of plates ..... \$55 [\$45];  
25 (B) each subsequent set of plates ..... \$35 [\$25];  
26 (10) [(11)] a vehicle owned by a municipality or charitable organization  
27 meeting the requirements of AS 28.10.181(e) ..... \$15 [\$5];  
28 (11) [(12) REPEALED  
29 (13)] a vehicle owned by a Pearl Harbor survivor or a former prisoner  
30 of war ..... none;  
31 (12) [(14) REPEALED

1 (15)] special request university plates . . . . . \$50  
2 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b)(1) or (2) of this section; the fee  
3 required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the  
4 replacement of special request plates; the commissioner of administration shall  
5 separately account by university campus designation for the fees received under this  
6 paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated  
7 balance in the accounts that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request  
8 university plates may be appropriated by the legislature for the support of programs  
9 at each campus.

10 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 28.10.423 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 28.10.423. EMISSION CONTROL INSPECTION PROGRAM FEES. In  
12 addition to the annual registration fee specified in AS 28.10.421, a \$2 [\$1] fee is  
13 imposed upon every vehicle required to be inspected under an emission control  
14 program established under AS 46.14.400 or 46.14.510. This fee shall be collected at  
15 the same time and in the same manner as the registration fee.

16 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 46.14.400 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

17 (i) If a municipality or a local air quality district administering a program  
18 under this section requires emissions inspection for a motor vehicle, emission  
19 inspection may not be required more than once every two years.

20 (j) A person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of emissions  
21 requirements imposed under this section is guilty of a violation and upon conviction  
22 shall be fined \$200. It is the intent of the legislature that money collected under this  
23 subsection be appropriated to promote air quality control programs in municipalities.

24 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 46.14.510 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

25 (e) If the department adopts regulations requiring emissions inspection for a  
26 motor vehicle, the department may not require the vehicle be inspected more than once  
27 every two years.

28 (f) A person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of emissions  
29 requirements imposed under this section is guilty of a violation and upon conviction  
30 shall be fined \$200. It is the intent of the legislature that money collected under this  
31 subsection be appropriated to control pollution from motor vehicle emissions.

- 1     \* **Sec. 10.** AS 46.14.400(j), enacted in sec. 8 of this Act, and AS 46.14.510(f), enacted  
2 in sec. 9 of this Act, take effect July 1, 1995.
- 3     \* **Sec. 11.** Except as provided in sec. 10 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 1996.