

HOUSE BILL NO. 428

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to ferry travel by disabled veterans."

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 19.65 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

4 **Sec. 19.65.040. Disabled veterans ferry passage.** (a) The Alaska marine
5 highway system shall provide disabled veterans with free passage on Alaska state
6 ferries.

7 (b) To obtain the free passage under (a) of this section, an individual shall
8 apply to the department on a form provided by the department, submit proof
9 satisfactory to the department that the individual is a disabled veteran, and pay a fee
10 established by the department to cover the administrative costs of issuing the card.
11 The department shall issue the veteran a card that is good for five years and that
12 indicates that the veteran is entitled to free passage on Alaska state ferries.

13 (c) A disabled veteran to whom a card has been issued under (b) of this
14 section may renew the card by applying to the department for the renewal and paying
15 the department a fee established by the department to cover the administrative costs

1 of renewing the card. A renewal under this subsection does not require reverification
2 that the individual is a disabled veteran.

3 (d) In this section,

4 (1) "department" means the Department of Transportation and Public
5 Facilities;

6 (2) "disabled veteran" means an individual who

7 (A) is separated from the military service of the United States,
8 is entitled to compensation for a disability under laws administered by the
9 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and whose disability is rated at
10 50 percent or more; or

11 (B) served in the Alaska Territorial Guard or its equivalent in
12 another state, incurred a disability in the line of duty, and whose disability is
13 rated at 50 percent or more.