

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 438(MLV)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 3/6/02

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MCGUIRE, Kott

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 28.10.181(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) Vehicles owned by disabled veterans, including persons disabled in the  
6 line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with  
7 disabilities. Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the  
8 ability to walk, as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one  
9 passenger vehicle in the name of the person without charge, **except for a registration**  
10 **under (3) of this subsection**; [AND] (2) issue a specially designed registration plate  
11 that displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the applicant's disability  
12 originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial Guard or the armed  
13 forces of the United States; and (B) the standard symbol of disability (the wheelchair  
14 logo); **and (3) if the vehicle is not registered under (1) of this subsection, register**

1 **one passenger vehicle and issue a registration plate that contains the Alaska and**  
 2 **United States flags and red, white, and blue colors.** A **person** [DISABLED  
 3 VETERAN] who is not otherwise qualified under this subsection, but who **meets the**  
 4 **qualifications of a disabled veteran under AS 29.45.030(i)** [PRESENTS TO THE  
 5 DEPARTMENT WRITTEN PROOF THAT THE PERSON IS AT LEAST 70  
 6 PERCENT DISABLED OR MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED AS A  
 7 CONSEQUENCE OF SERVICE IN THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD OR  
 8 THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES], may register one passenger  
 9 vehicle without charge **unless the person requests a plate described under (3) of**  
 10 **this subsection**, and the department shall issue a specially designed registration plate  
 11 **described under (2) or (3) of this subsection** that displays recognition of the disabled  
 12 veteran that does not display the standard handicap symbol and does not carry with it  
 13 special parking privileges. For purposes of this subsection, proof of disability may be  
 14 provided by a person licensed as a physician under AS 08.64 or as an advanced nurse  
 15 practitioner under AS 08.68.

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

17 (3) a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran or other handicapped person,  
 18 and registered under **AS 28.10.181(d)** [AS 28.10.181] or a resident 65 years of age or  
 19 older who files a written application for an exemption on a form prescribed by the  
 20 department ..... none;

21 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

22 (16) special request disabled veteran plates .....\$30;  
 23 the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance for a  
 24 vehicle registered under AS 28.10.181(d)(3), and on the replacement of special request  
 25 plates; the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees  
 26 received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund;  
 27 notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is  
 28 in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the  
 29 legislature to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for veterans  
 30 rehabilitation and service work.

31 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2003.