

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 403(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/10/06**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS, Croft, Dahlstrom**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to registration and operation of low-speed vehicles."**

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

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 28.10.041 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (e) The department may not refuse to register a low-speed vehicle as a  
5 passenger vehicle if that vehicle meets the safety and equipment requirements set for  
6 passenger vehicles by this state or meets federal motor vehicle safety standards for  
7 low-speed vehicles.

8 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.421(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) The biennial registration fees under this subsection are imposed within the  
10 following classifications for:

11 (1) a passenger vehicle, a low-speed vehicle, or motor home not used  
12 or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire or for other  
13 commercial use ..... \$100;

14 (2) a pick-up truck or a van not exceeding 10,000 pounds unladen  
15 weight and not registered in the name of a company or business ..... \$100;

- 1 (3) a taxicab ..... \$160;
- 2 (4) a motor bus with a seating capacity for 20 or more persons and
- 3 used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists
- 4 .....\$300;
- 5 (5) a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle..... \$60;
- 6 (6) a trailer not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or
- 7 property for hire or for other commercial use, including, but not limited to, a boat
- 8 trailer, baggage trailer, box trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, travel trailer, or a trailer
- 9 rented or offered for rent ..... \$30.

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

11 (c) The biennial registration fees under this subsection are imposed and are  
12 based upon the actual unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised  
13 weight or upon the actual weight, which the owner shall furnish, subject to the  
14 approval of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative, for a vehicle,  
15 including **a low-speed vehicle and** a motor vehicle pulling a trailer or semi-trailer,  
16 that is registered in the name of a company or business, or is used or maintained for  
17 the transportation of passengers for hire, excepting taxicabs and buses under (b) of this  
18 section, or for the transportation of property for hire or for other commercial purposes,  
19 including a **low-speed vehicle**, truck, wrecker, tow car, hearse, ambulance, and  
20 tractor, as follows:

- 21 (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds ..... \$180;
- 22 (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds .... \$268;
- 23 (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds .. \$516;
- 24 (4) more than 18,000 pounds ..... \$662.

25 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.10.421(h) is amended to read:

26 (h) The annual registration fees under this subsection for vehicles, **including**  
27 **low-speed vehicles**, used for commercial purposes are imposed and are based upon  
28 the actual unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised weight or  
29 upon the actual weight, which the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval of the  
30 commissioner or the commissioner's representative, as follows:

- 31 (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds ..... \$90;

- 1 (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds .... \$134;
- 2 (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds .. \$258;
- 3 (4) more than 18,000 pounds ..... \$331.

4 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 28.35 is amended by adding a new section to article 5 to read:

5 **Sec. 28.35.261. Operation of low-speed vehicles.** (a) The operator of a low-  
6 speed vehicle is subject to all the traffic and other laws applicable to operators of  
7 passenger vehicles.

8 (b) The operator of a low-speed vehicle may not operate that vehicle on a  
9 highway that has a maximum speed of more than 35 miles an hour. Notwithstanding  
10 this subsection, the operator of a low-speed vehicle may cross a highway that has a  
11 maximum speed limit of more than 35 miles an hour if the crossing is made at the  
12 intersection with a highway that is authorized for low-speed vehicles.

13 (c) Notwithstanding AS 28.01.010, a municipality may, by ordinance, further  
14 restrict the operation of low-speed vehicles within its jurisdiction.

15 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 28.40.100(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

16 (27) "low-speed vehicle" means a motor vehicle that has four wheels  
17 and an unladen weight of 2,500 pounds or less, that was manufactured to be capable of  
18 propelling itself and achieving a minimum speed of 20 miles an hour and a maximum  
19 speed of 25 miles an hour, and that has not been modified to have a maximum speed  
20 greater than 25 miles an hour.