

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 184(MLV)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Offered: 4/4/07**

**Referred: State Affairs, Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ROSES, Lynn, Dahlstrom**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to a commemorative troops license plate and to license plates available**  
2 **to disabled veterans; and 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 veterans with disabilities, including persons disabled in  
6 the 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 motor vehicle in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue a specially  
10 designed registration plate that displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the  
11 applicant's disability originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial  
12 Guard or the armed forces of the United States; (B) the international symbol of  
13 accessibility (the wheelchair logo); and (C) if the applicant is a veteran, the Alaska and  
14 United States flags and red, white, and blue colors. A person who is not otherwise

1 qualified under this subsection, but who meets the qualifications of a disabled veteran  
2 under AS 29.45.030(i), may register one motor vehicle without charge, and the  
3 department shall issue a specially designed registration plate that displays recognition  
4 of the disabled veteran that does not display the international symbol of accessibility  
5 and does not carry with it special parking privileges. A disabled veteran who  
6 otherwise qualifies for a registration plate under this subsection may elect to  
7 receive a plate under (p) or (q) of this section for which the person is otherwise  
8 qualified that does not display the international symbol of accessibility and does  
9 not carry with it special parking privileges. For purposes of this subsection, proof  
10 of disability may be provided by a person licensed as a physician or physician  
11 assistant under AS 08.64 or as an advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (x) Special request plates commemorating and supporting troops. Upon  
14 application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue "Support Our  
15 Troops" registration plates to supporters of Support Our Troops, Inc. The  
16 commissioner, in consultation with Support Our Troops, Inc., shall determine the  
17 design and color of the plates. The department may disapprove the issuance of  
18 registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of  
19 an existing registration. "Support Our Troops" shall appear at the bottom of the plate  
20 and may be alternated with "Support Our Heroes" if Support Our Troops, Inc., agrees  
21 to be responsible for any costs incurred from lack of sale of plates.

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

23 (17) "Support Our Troops" special request plates commemorating and  
24 supporting troops ..... \$40  
25 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$40  
26 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected on issuance and biennial renewal in  
27 the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the  
28 commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under  
29 this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of  
30 this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of  
31 issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to Support Our

1 Troops, Inc., for the benefit of the troops and their families in accordance with its  
2 articles of incorporation and bylaws.

3 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2007.