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BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ROSES, Lynn, Dahlstrom, Gara, Johnson, Seaton, Olson, Fairclough

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to a commemorative troops license plate; relating to registration of
2 vehicles for disabled persons; relating to the anatomical gift awareness fund; and
3 providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 13.50.160(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) Money in [APPROPRIATED TO OR FOR USE BY] the fund may be
7 appropriated by the legislature to an organization for the purpose of promoting
8 the donation programs established in AS 13.50 and AS 13.52 [SPENT FOR THE
9 PURPOSES OF THE FUND WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION].

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.181(d) is amended to read:

11 (d) Vehicles owned by veterans with disabilities, including persons disabled in
12 the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with
13 disabilities. Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the
14 ability to walk, as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one

1 motor vehicle in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue a specially
 2 designed registration plate that displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the
 3 applicant's disability originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial
 4 Guard or the armed forces of the United States; (B) the international symbol of
 5 accessibility (the wheelchair logo); and (C) if the applicant is a veteran, the Alaska and
 6 United States flags and red, white, and blue colors. A person who is not otherwise
 7 qualified under this subsection, but who meets the qualifications of a disabled veteran
 8 under AS 29.45.030(i), may register one motor vehicle without charge, and the
 9 department shall issue a specially designed registration plate that displays recognition
 10 of the disabled veteran that does not display the international symbol of accessibility
 11 and does not carry with it special parking privileges. **A disabled veteran who**
 12 **otherwise qualifies for a registration plate under this subsection may elect to**
 13 **receive a plate under (p) or (q) of this section for which the person is otherwise**
 14 **qualified that does not display the international symbol of accessibility and does**
 15 **not carry with it special parking privileges. A disabled person who otherwise**
 16 **qualifies for a registration plate under (2)(B) of this subsection may elect to**
 17 **receive a plate under another provision of this section for which the person is**
 18 **otherwise qualified that does not display the international symbol of accessibility**
 19 **and does not carry with it special parking privileges.** For purposes of this
 20 subsection, proof of disability may be provided by a person licensed as a physician or
 21 physician assistant under AS 08.64 or as an advanced nurse practitioner under
 22 AS 08.68.

23 * **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (x) Special request plates commemorating and supporting troops. Upon
 25 application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration
 26 plates commemorating and supporting troops. The commissioner, in consultation with
 27 Support Our Troops, Inc. shall determine the design and color of the plates. The
 28 department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection
 29 when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration. "Support Our
 30 Troops" shall appear at the bottom of the plate and may be alternated with "Support
 31 Our Heroes" if Support Our Troops, Inc., approves the use of terms and agrees to be

1 responsible for any costs incurred from lack of sale of plates.

2 * **Sec. 4.** AS 28.10.411(f) is amended to read:

3 (f) A resident 65 years of age or older on January 1 of the year the vehicle is
4 registered or a resident with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk
5 and who provides proof of that disability as provided in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2 is
6 entitled to an exemption from the registration fee required under this section for one
7 vehicle subject to registration under AS 28.10.421(b)(1), (2), (5), or (6). An exemption
8 may not be granted except upon written application for the exemption on a form
9 prescribed by the department.

10 * **Sec. 5.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

11 (17) special request plates commemorating and supporting troops
12 \$40
13 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$40
14 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected on issuance and biennial renewal in
15 the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the
16 commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under
17 this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of
18 this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of
19 issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to the
20 organization for which the specialty license plate was purchased for the benefit of
21 Alaska troops and their families.

22 * **Sec. 6.** AS 13.50.160(c) is repealed.

23 * **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 - 5 of this Act take effect July 1, 2007.