

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(STA)

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BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LYNN AND GATTO, Peggy Wilson, Johnson, Stoltze

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to special request registration plates; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

5 (bb) Special request United States flag "In God We Trust" plates. Upon
6 application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration
7 plates with a design incorporating the flag of the United States and the motto "In God
8 We Trust" on the plate. The commissioner shall determine the design and color of the
9 plates. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this
10 subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

11 (cc) Special request Lao veteran plates. Upon application by the owner of a
12 motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates commemorating the
13 owner's service in military operations in support of the United States in the Kingdom
14 of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975. The commissioner shall

1 determine the design and color of the Lao veteran plates in consultation with veterans'
2 and Southeast Asian community organizations in the state. To be issued a registration
3 plate under this subsection, the owner must present evidence satisfactory to the
4 department that the owner served in military operations as required by this subsection.
5 The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this
6 subsection when the requested plates are a duplicate of an existing registration.

7 (dd) Special request plates commemorating the National Rifle Association.
8 Upon application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue
9 registration plates commemorating the National Rifle Association. The commissioner,
10 after consulting with representatives of the National Rifle Association in Alaska, shall
11 determine the design and color of the plates. The department may disapprove the
12 issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a
13 duplication of an existing registration.

14 (ee) Special request breast cancer awareness plates. Upon application by the
15 owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue breast cancer awareness
16 registration plates. The commissioner, after consulting with the Alaska office of the
17 American Cancer Society, shall determine the design and color of the plates. The
18 department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection
19 when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

20 (ff) Special request "Choose Life" plates. Upon application by the owner of a
21 motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates with the phrase "Choose
22 Life" on the plate. The commissioner, after consulting with Alaska Choose Life, shall
23 determine the design and color of the plates. The department may disapprove the
24 issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a
25 duplication of an existing registration.

26 (gg) Special request "Pro-Family, Pro-Choice" plates. Upon application by the
27 owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates with the phrase
28 "Pro-Family, Pro-Choice" on the plate. The commissioner, after consulting with
29 Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, shall determine the design and color of
30 the plates. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under
31 this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

1 (hh) Special request specialty organization plates. The department shall adopt
 2 regulations to allow for the issuance of special request specialty organization
 3 registration plates sponsored by an organization that is based in this state and is tax
 4 exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c), is an Alaska chapter of a national organization that is
 5 tax exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c), is a department of the state, or is a municipality of
 6 the state. The department shall determine a common design and color for the plates
 7 and provide for the placement of the artwork of the organization and a short piece of
 8 descriptive text on the plate. The department may disapprove the issuance of
 9 registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates duplicate an
 10 existing registration. The regulations

11 (1) must provide that the entity requesting the issuance of the plates

12 (A) submit an application on a form provided by the
 13 department;

14 (B) pay an application fee set by the department for issuance of
 15 the new registration plates;

16 (C) submit registration fees for at least 25 motor vehicles
 17 before specialty registration plates will be issued;

18 (D) may not be offensive in purpose, nature, activity, or name;

19 (E) may charge a fee for issuance of a specialty registration
 20 plate in addition to any registration fees set by statute or regulation;

21 (2) must provide for a minimum number of registrations and renewals
 22 of the specialty plate and for cancellation of specialty plates that do not meet that
 23 minimum; the regulations must provide that before a specialty plate may be cancelled
 24 the entity sponsoring the plate be given notice at least six months before the proposed
 25 cancellation;

26 (3) must establish procedures for owners of vehicles to purchase
 27 specialty registration plates under this subsection.

28 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.421(d)(2) is amended to read:

29 (2) special request plates for

30 (A) Alaska National Guard personnel \$30;

31 (B) veterans, [OR] retired veterans, **or Lao veterans** \$30;

1 (C) recipients of the Purple Heart none;

2 (D) owners of custom collector vehicles \$50;

3 (E) Iditarod race finishers \$50;

4 (F) other special request plates \$30;

5 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section; the fee required by this
6 paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of
7 special request plates;

8 * **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

9 (20) special request United States flag "In God We Trust" plates.. \$30
10 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee
11 required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee
12 required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section;

13 (21) special request National Rifle Association plates \$50
14 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$50
15 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the
16 replacement of the special request plates; a \$30 fee shall be collected biennially
17 thereafter in the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this
18 section; the commissioner shall separately account for the fees received under this
19 paragraph that the department deposits into the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of
20 this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of
21 issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to establish and
22 maintain a scholastic clay target program and for other youth shooting programs;

23 (22) special request breast cancer awareness plates..... \$50
24 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$50
25 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the
26 replacement of the special request plates; the commissioner shall separately account
27 for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits into the general
28 fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account
29 that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by
30 the legislature to programs that provide screening for breast and cervical cancer;

31 (23) special request "Choose Life" plates \$30

1 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee
2 required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee
3 required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner shall separately
4 account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the
5 general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost
6 of issuing special request "Choose Life" plates may be appropriated by the legislature
7 to programs supporting or benefiting adoption;

8 (24) special request "Pro-Family, Pro-Choice" plates \$30
9 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee
10 required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee
11 required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner shall separately
12 account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the
13 general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost
14 of issuing special request "Pro-Family, Pro-Choice" plates may be appropriated to the
15 Alaska Children's Trust (AS 37.14.200);

16 (25) special request specialty organization plates under
17 AS 28.10.181(hh)..... \$30
18 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$30
19 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance of and the
20 replacement of the plates; in addition, an entity sponsoring a special request specialty
21 organization plate may charge a fee on first issuance and renewal of the plates.

22 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2012.