

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/14/12**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR FRENCH**

**REPRESENTATIVES Holmes, Gara**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act setting special registration fees for alternative fuel vehicles; excluding**  
2 **motorcycles and motor-driven cycles from the passenger vehicle rental tax; and**  
3 **providing for an effective date."**

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

5 **\* Section 1.** AS 28.10.421 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (j) Instead of the otherwise appropriate biennial registration fee under (b) or  
7 (c) of this section, a \$20 biennial registration fee is imposed on a qualified alternative  
8 fuel vehicle normally subject to a registration fee under (b) or (c) of this section.  
9 Instead of the otherwise appropriate annual registration fee under (h) of this section, a  
10 \$10 annual registration fee is imposed on a qualified alternative fuel vehicle normally  
11 subject to a registration fee under (h) of this section. To be qualified under this  
12 subsection, an alternative fuel vehicle

13 (1) must be manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads,  
14 and highways;

15 (2) may not have been modified from the original manufacturer

1 specifications;

2 (3) must be capable of achieving a speed of at least 55 miles an hour;

3 (4) must be a model year of 2010 or newer;

4 (5) must be fueled or powered

5 (A) solely by

6 (i) compressed natural gas;

7 (ii) liquefied natural gas;

8 (iii) liquefied petroleum gas;

9 (iv) hydrogen;

10 (v) a liquid at least 85 percent of the total volume of  
11 which consists of ethanol; or

12 (vi) electricity but only if the vehicle is powered by a  
13 motor that draws the electricity from a battery that has a capacity of at  
14 least four kilowatt-hours and is capable of being recharged from an  
15 external source of electricity; or

16 (B) by an engine capable of running on two fuels or power  
17 sources, one of which is gasoline or diesel and one of which is compressed  
18 natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, or  
19 electricity;

20 (6) must meet other requirements set by the department by regulation.

21 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 43.52.099(2) is amended to read:

22 (2) "passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in  
23 AS 28.90.990 that is driven or moved on a highway or other public right-of-way in the  
24 state, but does not include

25 (A) a commercial motor vehicle as that term is defined in  
26 AS 28.90.990;

27 (B) emergency or fire equipment that is necessary to the  
28 preservation of life or property;

29 (C) a farm vehicle that is controlled and operated by a farmer,  
30 used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or  
31 from that farmer's farm, not used in the operations of a common or contract

1 motor carrier, and used within 150 miles of the farmer's farm;

2 (D) a recreational vehicle;

3 (E) a taxicab;

4 (F) a rental truck; in this subparagraph, "rental truck" means a  
5 motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds that  
6 is designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of personal  
7 property; [OR]

8 (G) a vehicle provided by an automobile dealer to a customer  
9 as replacement transportation during warranty, recall, or service contract  
10 repairs if the dealer does not receive compensation from the customer; **or**

11 **(H) a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle, as those terms**  
12 **are defined in AS 28.90.990;**

13 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(j)(5)(B) is repealed December 31, 2015.

14 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.10.421(j) is repealed December 31, 2019.

15 \* **Sec. 5.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2013.

16 \* **Sec. 6.** Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under  
17 AS 01.10.070(c).