

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

March 25, 2014

9:37 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fred Dyson, Chair
Senator Cathy Giessel, Vice Chair
Senator John Coghill
Senator Bill Wielechowski

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Bert Stedman

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 206

"An Act relating to motor vehicle registration and fees; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; relating to notice of an accident involving a motor vehicle; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSSB 206(STA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 212

"An Act relating to an exemption from driver licensing requirements for spouses of members of the armed forces of the United States."

- MOVED HB 212 OUT OF COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 174

"An Act relating to the procurement of leases for legislative office space."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 206

SHORT TITLE: VEHICLE REGIS/LICENSING/ACCIDENT REPORTS

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) MICCICHE

02/26/14	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/26/14	(S)	STA

03/18/14 (S) STA AT 9:00 AM BUTROVICH 205
 03/18/14 (S) Heard & Held
 03/18/14 (S) MINUTE(STA)
 03/20/14 (S) STA AT 9:00 AM BUTROVICH 205
 03/20/14 (S) Heard & Held
 03/20/14 (S) MINUTE(STA)
 03/25/14 (S) STA AT 9:00 AM BUTROVICH 205

BILL: HB 212

SHORT TITLE: DRIVER'S LICENSING EXEMPTION: MILITARY
 SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) ISAACSON, HUGHES, LEDOUX

01/21/14 (H) PREFILE RELEASED 1/10/14
 01/21/14 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 01/21/14 (H) MLV, STA
 02/04/14 (H) MLV AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
 02/04/14 (H) Heard & Held
 02/04/14 (H) MINUTE(MLV)
 02/11/14 (H) MLV AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
 02/11/14 (H) Moved Out of Committee
 02/11/14 (H) MINUTE(MLV)
 02/12/14 (H) MLV RPT 4DP 1AM
 02/12/14 (H) DP: HIGGINS, HUGHES, FOSTER, LEDOUX
 02/12/14 (H) AM: GRUENBERG
 02/13/14 (H) MLV AT 1:00 PM CAPITOL 120
 02/13/14 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --
 02/18/14 (H) STA AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
 02/18/14 (H) Moved Out of Committee
 02/18/14 (H) MINUTE(STA)
 02/19/14 (H) STA RPT 5DP 1AM
 02/19/14 (H) DP: GATTIS, KELLER, ISAACSON, HUGHES,
 LYNN
 02/19/14 (H) AM: KREISS-TOMKINS
 03/17/14 (H) BEFORE HOUSE IN SECOND READING W/ AM
 PENDING
 03/17/14 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)
 03/17/14 (H) VERSION: HB 212
 03/18/14 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
 03/18/14 (S) STA
 03/25/14 (S) STA AT 9:00 AM BUTROVICH 205

WITNESS REGISTER

LARRY SEMMENS, Staff
 Senator Peter Micciche
 Alaska State Legislature
 Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Introduced SB 206 on behalf of the sponsor.

REPRESENTATIVE DOUG ISAACSON
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Introduced HB 212 as joint sponsor.

TIFFANY THOMAS, Driver Licensing Manager
Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
Anchorage, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified that HB 212 would have no impact on DMV.

ACTION NARRATIVE

[9:37:12 AM](#)

CHAIR FRED DYSON called the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Giessel, Coghill, Wielechowski, and Chair Dyson.

SB 206-VEHICLE REGIS/LICENSING/ACCIDENT REPORTS

[9:37:26 AM](#)

CHAIR DYSON announced the consideration of SB 206 and asked for a motion to adopt the committee substitute (CS).

[9:37:33 AM](#)

SENATOR GIESSEL moved to adopt CSSB 206, labeled 28-LS1531\N, as the working document.

CHAIR DYSON found no objection and version N was before the committee.

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LARRY SEMMENS, Staff, Senator Peter Micciche, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, sponsor of SB 206, explained that the primary change in version N was to move contributing to the delinquency of a minor under AS 11.51.130 referenced in Sec 4, AS 28.15.046(c)(1)(C), to the misdemeanor section AS 28.15.046(c)(2). A 10-year look-back to July 1, 2004 was also added to the applicability section to address Senator Coghill's concern.

MR. SEMMENS highlighted three suggested amendments:

(1) Page 3, lines 26-30, reorder (C), (D), and (E) so that (C) becomes (E) and (D) and (E) become (C) and (D) respectively.

(2) Page 5, line 10, change (c)(2)(A)-(C) to (c)(2)(A)-(D).

(3) Page 5, line 3, strike "successful completion of a test of a licensee's eyesight."

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SENATOR GIESSEL moved to adopt the forgoing conceptual amendments.

CHAIR DYSON announced that without objection the conceptual amendments were adopted. Finding no further questions or discussion, he solicited a motion.

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SENATOR GIESSEL moved to report SB 206, version 28-LS 1531\N, as amended, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR DYSON announced that without objection CSSB 206(STA) was reported from the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee.

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At ease.

HB 212-DRIVER'S LICENSING EXEMPTION: MILITARY

[9:44:31 AM](#)

CHAIR DYSON reconvened the meeting and announced the consideration of HB 212.

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REPRESENTATIVE DOUG ISAACSON, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, as joint sponsor, introduced HB 212. He explained that the bill would allow the spouses of military service members who transfer to Alaska the ability to retain their driver's license from their home of record. Alaska statute already provides an exemption for military members, but not their spouses. He noted that 39 other states already extend this benefit to military spouses and suggested that it would be very military-friendly for Alaska to do the same. The proposed legislation would apply only to spouses 18 years of age and older who have a legitimate driver's license from another state.

CHAIR DYSON asked Ms. Thomas how HB 212 would impact the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

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TIFFANY THOMAS, Driver Licensing Manager, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Anchorage, Alaska, stated that HB 212 would have no impact on the DMV.

SENATOR GIESSEL suggested that the fiscal note should be indeterminate rather than zero because licensure fees would be lost.

MS. THOMAS agreed that the fiscal note would be indeterminate.

SENATOR GIESSEL commented that there's a difference between zero and indeterminate.

CHAIR DYSON asked if she would like a finance referral.

SENATOR GIESSEL said she'd need to contemplate that.

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SENATOR COGHILL asked if military spouses who subsequently divorced would be required to get an Alaska license within 90 days.

REPRESENTATIVE ISAACSON replied yes if they continued to reside in Alaska.

CHAIR DYSON asked if a divorce would affect the spouse's ability to vote.

REPRESENTATIVE ISAACSON answered he assumed it would.

CHAIR DYSON found no further questions or testimony and solicited a motion.

[9:53:30 AM](#)

SENATOR GIESSEL moved to report HB 212, 28-LS0861\N from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR DYSON announced that without objection HB 212 moved from the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee,
Chair Dyson adjourned the Senate State Affairs Standing
Committee hearing at 9:53 a.m.