

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARA

Introduced: 1/9/15

Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a voluntary disability designation on a state identification card and a**
2 **driver's license."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 18.65.310 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (m) The department shall provide a method for a person to designate
6 voluntarily on an identification card that the person is physically disabled, cognitively
7 disabled, or both physically and cognitively disabled. The method must provide a
8 means by which the person may cancel the designation. To receive the designation, the
9 person shall provide proof of the disability from a person licensed as a physician or
10 physician assistant under AS 08.64 or as an advanced nurse practitioner under
11 AS 08.68. Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the department may charge a fee of \$5
12 for replacement of a valid identification card with a new identification card with a
13 disability designation and may charge a fee of \$5 for replacement of an identification
14 card with a disability designation with a new identification card without a disability

1 designation. A law enforcement officer should request a person's license or
2 identification, and look for a disability designation, as part of any investigation into a
3 person's potential criminal or civil infraction related mental or physical state.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.15.111 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) The department shall provide a method, at the time that a driver's license is
6 issued, by which the owner of a license may voluntarily designate on the license that
7 the owner is physically disabled, cognitively disabled, or both physically and
8 cognitively disabled. The method must provide a means by which the owner may
9 cancel the designation. To receive the designation, the person shall provide proof of
10 the disability from a person licensed as a physician or physician assistant under
11 AS 08.64 or as an advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68. The department may
12 charge a fee of \$5 for replacement of a valid driver's license with a new driver's
13 license with a disability designation and may charge a fee of \$5 for replacement of a
14 driver's license with a disability designation with a new driver's license without a
15 disability designation. A law enforcement officer should request a person's license or
16 identification, and look for a disability designation, as part of any investigation into a
17 person's potential criminal or civil infraction related mental or physical state.