

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 2/27/15

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GARA, GRUENBERG, VAZQUEZ, LYNN, AND LEDOUX, Tuck, Hughes

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to special motor vehicle registration plates for recipients of the Bronze**
2 **Star awarded for valor, Silver Star, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force**
3 **Cross, Coast Guard Cross, and other meritorious service awards; and providing for an**
4 **effective date."**

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

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

7 (ii) Vehicles owned by recipients of a Bronze Star awarded for valor, Silver
8 Star, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, or Coast Guard
9 Cross. The department, upon receipt of written proof that the person is the sole or joint
10 owner of a motor vehicle, shall issue special registration plates for the motor vehicle to
11 a requesting person who has received the Bronze Star Medal awarded for valor, Silver
12 Star Medal, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, or Coast
13 Guard Cross. The commissioner, after consulting with the person in the Department of
14 Military and Veterans' Affairs in charge of veterans' affairs, shall determine the design

1 and color of the Bronze Star awarded for valor recipient plates, Silver Star recipient
 2 plates, Navy Cross recipient plates, Distinguished Service Cross recipient plates, Air
 3 Force Cross recipient plates, and Coast Guard Cross recipient plates.

4 (jj) Vehicles owned by recipients of awards reflecting meritorious service and
 5 valor issued by the armed forces of the United States. The department, upon written
 6 proof that the person is the sole or joint owner of a motor vehicle, may issue special
 7 registration plates for the motor vehicle to a requesting person who has received an
 8 award reflecting meritorious service and valor issued by the armed forces of the
 9 United States other than a Purple Heart, Bronze Star awarded for valor, Silver Star,
 10 Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, or Coast Guard Cross. The
 11 commissioner, after consulting with the person in the Department of Military and
 12 Veterans' Affairs in charge of veterans' affairs, shall determine the design and color of
 13 the award recipient plates.

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

15 (2) special request plates for

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

17 (B) veterans, retired veterans, or Lao veterans \$30;

18 (C) recipients of the Purple Heart none;

19 (D) **recipients of the Bronze Star awarded for valor, Silver**
 20 **Star, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Coast**
 21 **Guard Cross, or other meritorious service award \$30;**

22 **(E)** owners of custom collector vehicles \$50;

23 **(F)** [(E)] Iditarod race finishers \$50;

24 **(G)** [(F)] other special request plates \$30;

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

28 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.