

**SENATE BILL NO. 194**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/22/16

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to a veteran's designation on an identification card or a driver's license**  
2 **for Lao and Hmong veterans."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 18.65.310(*l*) is amended to read:

5           (*l*) At the request of the person, the department shall provide a veteran  
6 designation and United States flag replica on an identification card identifying the  
7 person as a retired veteran, [OR] a veteran of the armed forces of the United States  
8 discharged under honorable conditions, **a Lao veteran who served in military**  
9 **operations in support of the United States in the Kingdom of Laos between**  
10 **February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975, or a Hmong veteran who assisted United**  
11 **States personnel in military or rescue operations during the Vietnam era between**  
12 **August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975.** The department may not charge a fee solely for the  
13 designation. To receive a veteran designation, the person shall provide proof of  
14 veteran status that shows the person is retired, **was** [OR] discharged under honorable

1 conditions, is a Lao veteran, or is a Hmong veteran. The department shall consult  
 2 with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to determine the proof  
 3 necessary to show that a person is a Lao veteran or a Hmong veteran. With the  
 4 approval of the person, the department shall make available to the Department of  
 5 Military and Veterans' Affairs the name and address of a person receiving a veteran  
 6 designation under this subsection. Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the department  
 7 may charge a fee of \$5 for replacement of a valid identification card with a new  
 8 identification card with a veteran designation.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.15.111(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) At the request of an applicant, the department shall provide a veteran  
 11 designation and United States flag replica on a license identifying the driver as a  
 12 retired veteran, [OR] a veteran of the armed forces of the United States discharged  
 13 under honorable conditions, a Lao veteran who served in military operations in  
 14 support of the United States in the Kingdom of Laos between February 28, 1961,  
 15 and May 15, 1975, or a Hmong veteran who assisted United States personnel in  
 16 military or rescue operations during the Vietnam era between August 5, 1964,  
 17 and May 7, 1975. The department may not charge a fee solely for the designation. To  
 18 receive a veteran designation, the driver shall make available proof of veteran status  
 19 that shows that the person is retired, was [OR] discharged under honorable conditions,  
 20 is a Lao veteran, or is a Hmong veteran. The department shall consult with the  
 21 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to determine the proof necessary to  
 22 show that a person is a Lao veteran or a Hmong veteran. With the approval of the  
 23 applicant, the department shall make available to the Department of Military and  
 24 Veterans' Affairs the name and address of a driver receiving a veteran designation  
 25 under this subsection. The department may charge a fee of \$5 for replacement of a  
 26 valid driver's license with a new license with a veteran designation. A replacement  
 27 license with a veteran designation issued for \$5 under this subsection shall retain the  
 28 expiration date of the license it replaces.