



AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: HCS SB 204(STA)

1 Page 1, line 3: *Title amendment*

2 Delete "and"

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4 Page 1, line 4, following "disabilities":

5 Insert "; and relating to commendation and recognition of individual veterans  
6 along certain veterans' memorial roads and on certain veterans' memorial bridges"

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8 Page 4, following line 14:

9 Insert new bill sections to read:

10 **\*\* Section 5.** AS 35.40.035 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

11 (g) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall accept nominations  
12 from veterans' organizations identified under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(19) (Internal Revenue  
13 Code) for commendation and for recognition of an individual veteran on a veterans'  
14 memorial as provided in this section. A veterans' organization shall submit to the  
15 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, with a nomination for an individual  
16 veteran under this subsection, a copy of the veteran's certificate of release or discharge  
17 from active duty issued by the United States Department of Defense or a similar  
18 document issued by a state or federal agency. On the first day of each legislative  
19 session, the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall submit to the president  
20 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a list of nominations  
21 received under this subsection during the previous calendar year, including, for each  
22 nomination, the name of the veteran and the nominating veterans' organization. The  
23 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs may not submit the name of a living

1 veteran to the legislature unless the department receives approval from the veteran to  
2 do so. The legislature may commend one or more nominees submitted under this  
3 subsection in accordance with the provisions for adopting citations under the uniform  
4 rules of the legislature. The commendation must include a designated veterans'  
5 memorial where the individual veteran is to be recognized by a sign or marker. Within  
6 five years after an individual veteran's commendation by the legislature, the  
7 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities may not remove or replace the  
8 veteran's name on a sign or marker under this section unless the legislature has  
9 submitted instructions to the department for removing or replacing the veteran's name.  
10 The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall make arrangements for  
11 the design, posting, maintenance, and replacement of signs and other markers at or  
12 near a veterans' memorial under this subsection.

13 (h) The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities may accept gifts,  
14 donations, and grants for the purpose of designing, posting, maintaining, and replacing  
15 signs or other markers under (g) of this section. A donor may request that a gift,  
16 donation, or grant be used for a specific veterans' memorial, and the Department of  
17 Transportation and Public Facilities shall accommodate the donor's request to the  
18 extent practicable. The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities may not

19 (1) design, post, maintain, or replace a sign or other marker unless  
20 there is adequate funding through gifts, donations, or grants received under this  
21 subsection to cover the costs of designing, posting, maintaining, or replacing the sign  
22 or other marker; or

23 (2) post a sign or marker if posting the sign or marker is inconsistent  
24 with the standards and guidance of the current edition of the Alaska Traffic Manual  
25 prepared by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities or the Manual on  
26 Uniform Traffic Control Devices as adopted by the American Association of State  
27 Highway Officials.

28 (i) The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities shall establish the  
29 initial placement of a sign or other marker in the order of the most recent veteran  
30 commended by the legislature under (g) of this section, unless otherwise provided by  
31 law.

1           (j) Nothing in (g) - (i) of this section shall be construed to limit the authority  
2 of the state or a veterans' organization to perform an action otherwise permitted by  
3 law.

4           (k) In this section, "veteran" means a person who served in the uniformed  
5 services, the National Guard of the United States, the Alaska State Defense Force, the  
6 Alaska Territorial Guard, and the Alaska Naval Militia, and who received an  
7 honorable discharge.

8   \* **Sec. 6.** AS 37.05.146(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

9                   (90) gifts, donations, and grants received by the Department of  
10 Transportation and Public Facilities for the purpose of designing, posting, maintaining,  
11 and replacing signs under AS 35.40.035(h)."

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13 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.