

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, State Affairs

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 Hmong veterans and Lao 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, **or a Hmong veteran or Lao veteran who**
9 **served in military operations in support of the United States in the Kingdom of**
10 **Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975.** The department may not
11 charge a fee solely for the designation. To receive a veteran designation, the person
12 shall provide proof of veteran status that shows the person is retired, **was** [OR]
13 discharged under honorable conditions, **or is a Hmong veteran or Lao veteran. The**
14 **department shall consult with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**

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

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

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