

**SENATE BILL NO. 59**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI

Introduced: 2/15/17

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 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.