

SENATE BILL NO. 95

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to special request specialty organization registration plates; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 *(l)* Special request specialty organization plates. The department shall adopt
6 regulations to allow for the issuance of special request specialty organization
7 registration plates sponsored by an organization that is based in this state and is tax
8 exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c), is an Alaska chapter of a national organization that is
9 tax exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c), is a department of the state, or is a municipality of
10 the state. The department shall determine a common design and color for the plates
11 and provide for the placement of the logo of the organization and a short piece of
12 descriptive text on the plate. If the department denies an application to create a
13 specialty organization registration plate under this section, the department shall notify
14 the commissioner of the denial. The commissioner may reverse the decision of the

1 department and require issuance of the requested plate. The department may
2 disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested
3 plates duplicate an existing registration. Regulations adopted under this subsection
4 must

5 (1) provide that the entity requesting the issuance of the plates

6 (A) submit an application on a form provided by the
7 department;

8 (B) pay an application fee set by the department for issuance of
9 the new registration plates;

10 (C) pay the entire cost of developing and issuing the specialty
11 plate;

12 (D) may not be offensive in purpose, nature, activity, or name;

13 (E) may charge a fee for issuance of a specialty registration
14 plate in addition to any registration fees set by statute or regulation;

15 (2) provide for notice to the entity sponsoring the plate not later than
16 six months before a proposed cancellation of the specialty organization plate;

17 (3) establish procedures for owners of vehicles to purchase specialty
18 organization registration plates under this subsection.

19 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

20 (26) special request specialty organization plates under
21 AS 28.10.181(*ll*)..... \$100
22 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$100
23 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance of and the
24 replacement of the plates; in addition, an entity sponsoring a special request specialty
25 organization plate may charge a fee on first issuance and renewal of the plates.

26 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.