

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 95(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATORS MERRICK, Kiehl, Kaufman, Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Wielechowski, Shower

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)(2) - (11), 12(B) - (J), (13), (17) - (22), (24), or (26) -
 9 (29), is an Alaska chapter of a national organization that is tax exempt under 26 U.S.C.
 10 501(c)(2) - (11), 12(B) - (J), (13), (17) - (22), (24), or (26) - (29), is a department of
 11 the state, or is a municipality of the state. The department shall determine a common
 12 design and color for the plates and provide for the placement of the logo of the
 13 organization and a short piece of descriptive text on the plate. If the department denies
 14 an application to create a specialty organization registration plate under this section,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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