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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to special request specialty organization registration plates; relating to
2 special registration plates commemorating peace officers killed in the line of duty;
3 relating to special registration plates for vehicles owned by women veterans; relating to
4 special request registration plates for United States Space Force personnel; relating to
5 the transfer of vehicles; relating to commercial driver's licenses and commercial
6 instruction permits; and providing for an effective date."

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

8 * **Section 1.** AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

9 (ll) Special request specialty organization plates. The department shall adopt
10 regulations to allow for the issuance of special request specialty organization
11 registration plates sponsored by an organization that is based in this state and is tax
12 exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(2) - (11), 12(B) - (J), (13), (17) - (22), (24), or (26) -
13 (29), is an Alaska chapter of a national organization that is tax exempt under 26 U.S.C.

1 501(c)(2) - (11), 12(B) - (J), (13), (17) - (22), (24), or (26) - (29), is a department of
2 the state, or is a municipality of the state. The department shall determine a common
3 design and color for the plates and provide for the placement of the logo of the
4 organization and a short piece of descriptive text on the plate. If the department denies
5 an application to create a specialty organization registration plate under this section,
6 the department shall notify the commissioner of the denial. The commissioner may
7 reverse the decision of the department and require issuance of the requested plate. The
8 department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection
9 when the requested plates duplicate an existing registration. Regulations adopted
10 under this subsection must

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

12 (A) submit an application on a form provided by the
13 department;

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

16 (C) pay the entire cost of developing and issuing the specialty
17 plate;

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

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

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

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

25 (mm) Special request plates commemorating peace officers killed in the line
26 of duty. Upon application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue
27 registration plates commemorating peace officers killed in the line of duty. The
28 commissioner, after consulting with representatives of peace officers killed in the line
29 of duty, shall determine the design and color of the plates. The department may
30 disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested
31 plates are a duplication of an existing registration. In this subsection, "peace officer"

1 means

2 (1) an officer of the state troopers;

3 (2) a member of the police force of a municipality;

4 (3) a correctional officer;

5 (4) a village public safety officer;

6 (5) an officer assigned to a court to serve warrants and court orders,
7 provide court security and judicial protection, and transport prisoners; and

8 (6) any other public servant vested by law with a duty to maintain
9 public order or to make arrests, whether the duty extends to all offenses or is limited to
10 a specific class of offenses or offenders.

11 (nn) Vehicles owned by women veterans. The department, upon receipt of
12 written proof that the woman veteran is a sole or joint owner of a motor vehicle, shall
13 issue special registration plates for the motor vehicle to a requesting person who is a
14 woman veteran or retired woman veteran of the armed forces of the United States.

15 (oo) Special request plates for United States Space Force personnel. Upon
16 application by the owner of a motor vehicle who presents satisfactory proof of current
17 membership in the United States Space Force, the department may design and issue
18 registration plates that identify the vehicle as registered to a member of the United
19 States Space Force. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates
20 under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing
21 registration.

22 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.421(d)(2) is amended to read:

23 (2) special request plates for

24 (A) Alaska National Guard or United States Space Force
25 personnel \$30;

26 (B) veterans, retired veterans, women veterans, retired
27 women veterans, or Lao veterans \$30;

28 (C) recipients of the Purple Heart none;

29 (D) recipients of the Bronze Star awarded for valor, Silver Star,
30 Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Coast Guard Cross,
31 or other award reflecting valor \$30;

- 1 (E) owners of custom collector vehicles \$50;
 2 (F) Iditarod race finishers \$50;
 3 (G) other special request plates \$30;

4 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section; the fee required by this
 5 paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of
 6 special request plates;

7 * **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

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

14 (27) special request plates commemorating peace officers killed in the
 15 line of duty \$30
 16 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee
 17 required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee
 18 required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section.

19 * **Sec. 4.** AS 28.15.031(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) The department may not issue an original or duplicate commercial driver's
 21 license to, nor renew or reinstate the commercial driver's license of, a person who is
 22 disqualified from operating commercial motor vehicles in this or any other jurisdiction
 23 [OR IS NOT DOMICILED IN THIS STATE].

24 * **Sec. 5.** AS 28.15.051(f) is amended to read:

25 (f) A person who is at least 18 years of age may apply to the department for a
 26 **domiciled** commercial instruction permit. The department may, after the applicant has
 27 successfully passed all parts of the examination under AS 28.15.081 other than the
 28 driving test, issue to the applicant a **domiciled** commercial instruction permit. The
 29 permit allows a person, while having the permit in the person's immediate possession,
 30 to drive a specified commercial type or class of motor vehicle on a highway or
 31 vehicular way or area for a period not to exceed 180 days. The permittee shall be

1 accompanied by a person at least 21 years of age who has been licensed at least one
2 year to drive the type or class of vehicle being used, who is capable of exercising
3 control over the wheel, and who occupies a seat beside the driver. A **domiciled**
4 commercial instruction permit may be renewed one time for a period of 180 days.
5 Once a license is issued to drive a specified type or class of motor vehicle, a driver is
6 not eligible to obtain a **domiciled** commercial **instruction** [INSTRUCTIONAL]
7 permit for that specified type or class of motor vehicle unless

8 (1) five years have passed since the expiration of the previous license;

9 or

10 (2) the **domiciled** commercial instruction permit is obtained for the
11 purpose of adding an endorsement to a current class of commercial license.

12 * **Sec. 6.** AS 28.15.051 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (g) A person who is at least 18 years of age may apply to the department for a
14 non-domiciled commercial instruction permit. The department may, after the applicant
15 has successfully passed all parts of the examination under AS 28.15.081 other than the
16 driving test, issue to the applicant a non-domiciled commercial instruction permit if
17 the applicant is domiciled in a foreign jurisdiction or another state, the department
18 determines that the commercial motor vehicle testing and licensing standards of the
19 other jurisdiction meet the requirements of federal law, and the applicant satisfies the
20 requirements of AS 28.33.100(a)(2)(B) - (D). The permit allows a person, while
21 having the permit in the person's immediate possession, to drive a specified
22 commercial type or class of motor vehicle on a highway or vehicular way or area for a
23 period not to exceed one year. The permittee shall be accompanied by a person at least
24 21 years of age who has been licensed at least one year to drive the type or class of
25 vehicle being used, who is capable of exercising control over the wheel, and who
26 occupies a seat beside the driver. A non-domiciled commercial instruction permit must
27 be marked with "non-domiciled" on the face of the document. A non-domiciled
28 commercial instruction permit expires on the earlier of the expiration date determined
29 by the United States Department of Homeland Security that is stated on the form
30 required for the applicant under AS 28.33.100(a)(2)(B) or one year from the date of
31 issuance. Once a license is issued to drive a specified type or class of motor vehicle, a

1 driver is not eligible to obtain a non-domiciled commercial instruction permit for that
2 specified type or class of motor vehicle unless

3 (1) five years have passed since the expiration of the previous license;

4 or

5 (2) the non-domiciled commercial instruction permit is obtained for
6 the purpose of adding an endorsement to a current class of commercial license.

7 * **Sec. 7.** AS 28.22.031 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (c) The department shall review all accident reports and shall request proof of
9 insurance from a vehicle owner or operator in each case in which evidence of motor
10 vehicle liability insurance that complies with this chapter is not present.

11 * **Sec. 8.** AS 28.33.100(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) A person may not drive a commercial motor vehicle until the person
13 applies for and is issued a license for that purpose under AS 28.15.041. The
14 department may [NOT] issue a

15 **(1) domiciled** license to drive a commercial motor vehicle **only if**
16 **[UNLESS]** the applicant

17 **(A)** [(1)] is at least 18 years of age, to operate in intrastate
18 commerce, or at least 21 years of age, to operate in interstate commerce,
19 except as provided in (f) of this section;

20 **(B)** [(2)] has successfully completed all required driving tests
21 and written and physical examinations;

22 **(C)** [(3)] either does not have a driver's license issued by
23 another jurisdiction or surrenders all driver's licenses issued by other
24 jurisdictions; and

25 **(D)** [(4)] is domiciled in this state;

26 **(2) non-domiciled license to drive a commercial motor vehicle if**
27 **the applicant**

28 **(A) is domiciled in**

29 **(i) a foreign jurisdiction that meets the requirements**
30 **set out in 49 C.F.R. 383.23(b)(1); or**

31 **(ii) another state that meets the requirements set out**

1 in 49 C.F.R. 383.23(b)(2); and

2 (B) meets the applicable requirements set out in
 3 AS 28.33.100(a) and 49 C.F.R. 383.71

4 (C) is at least 18 years of age, to operate in intrastate
 5 commerce, or at least 21 years of age, to operate in interstate commerce,
 6 except as provided in (f) of this section; and

7 (D) has successfully completed all required driving tests
 8 and written and physical examinations.

9 * **Sec. 9.** AS 28.33.100 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (g) A non-domiciled commercial driver's license must be marked with "non-
 11 domiciled" on the face of the document.

12 (h) A non-domiciled commercial driver's license expires

13 (1) for an applicant under (a)(2)(A)(i) of this section, on the earlier of

14 (A) the expiration date determined by the United States
 15 Department of Homeland Security that is stated on the form required for the
 16 applicant under 49 C.F.R. 383.71(f)(2)(i); or

17 (B) one year from the date of issuance;

18 (2) for an applicant under (a)(2)(A)(ii) of this section, one year from
 19 the date of issuance.

20 (i) In addition to the requirements under (a) of this
 21 section, the holder of a non-domiciled commercial driver's license shall
 22 notify the department of any adverse action taken by a foreign or
 23 domestic jurisdiction or governmental agency against the person's
 24 driving privileges as required by federal law.

25 * **Sec. 10.** AS 28.39.040(c) is amended to read:

26 (c) The department shall, upon assignment of a registration number, issue and
 27 deliver to the owner a certificate of registration in a form prescribed by the
 28 department. [A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION IS NOT VALID UNLESS IT
 29 IS SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THE APPLICATION FOR
 30 REGISTRATION.]

31 * **Sec. 11.** AS 28.39.050(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) If there is a change of ownership of a snowmobile, the [SELLER AND]
2 buyer shall [FILL OUT THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP SECTION OF THE
3 REGISTRATION, AND THE SELLER SHALL SIGN OVER THE
4 REGISTRATION TO THE NEW OWNER. THE SELLER SHALL] promptly submit
5 **an application for registration** [THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP SECTION] to
6 the department, and, **if the application meets the requirements set out in this**
7 **chapter and in regulation,** the department shall issue a new certificate of registration
8 to the new owner.

9 * **Sec. 12.** AS 28.90.990(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

10 (33) "commercial driver's license" includes a non-domiciled
11 commercial driver's license;

12 (34) "commercial learner's permit" includes a non-domiciled
13 commercial learner's permit.

14 * **Sec. 13.** AS 28.33.190(9) is repealed.

15 * **Sec. 14.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).