

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MR. LEONARD

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 337

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the use of permanent  
7 motor vehicle registration plates; and pro-  
8 viding for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 28.10 is amended by adding a new section to  
11 read:

12 Sec. 28.10.105. ASSIGNMENT OF REGISTRATION NUMBER. If  
13 an application for registration is approved, the department  
14 shall assign a registration number to the owner. The same  
15 registration number shall also be assigned to the vehicle  
16 specified in the application until the owner transfers or  
17 assigns his interest in, or dismantles or wrecks, the  
18 vehicle.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 28.10.110(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) When the department registers a vehicle, it shall  
21 issue a registration card to the owner. The registration  
22 card shall contain upon its face the following: the regis-  
23 tration number assigned to the owner and to the vehicle; the  
24 [AND] date of issuance; the owner's name and post office  
25 address; the make, model, and serial number of the vehicle;  
26 the engine serial number; lien, if any; certificate of owner-  
27 ship number; such other matter as the department requires.  
28 The registration card shall contain a space for the signature  
29 of the registered owner, and the owner shall sign it in ink

1 immediately upon receipt.

2 \* Sec. 3. AS 28.10.120 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 28.10.120. ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT PLATES UPON  
4 REGISTRATION. (a) When the department registers a vehicle,  
5 it shall issue to the owner one permanent registration plate  
6 and one yearly insert tab for a motorcycle, trailer, or semi-  
7 trailer, and two permanent registration plates and two yearly  
8 insert tabs for every other motor vehicle. The permanent  
9 registration plates shall be attached [ISSUED] to the vehicle  
10 registered and shall not be removed from it or [DURING THE  
11 TERM FOR WHICH THE PLATES ARE ISSUED AND SHALL NOT BE] used  
12 upon another vehicle, except as otherwise provided in this  
13 chapter. A yearly insert tab shall be placed on a registra-  
14 tion plate in the manner specified by the department.

15 (b) Every registration plate shall have displayed on it  
16 the registration number assigned to the owner and [VEHICLE  
17 FOR WHICH IT IS ISSUED,] the name of this state [, AND THE  
18 YEAR FOR WHICH THE PLATE IS ISSUED]. A yearly insert tab  
19 shall show the registration year for which it is issued.

20 (c) Special plates for mobile amateur radio stations  
21 shall have the Federal Communications Commission call letters  
22 of the owner displayed on them in place of the registration  
23 number.

24 \* Sec. 4. AS 28.10.150 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 28.10.150. ISSUANCE OF DUPLICATE INSERT TAB, REGIS-  
26 TRATION PLATE OR CARD. If a registration card, [OR] regis-  
27 tration plate, or yearly insert tab is lost, mutilated, [OR]  
28 destroyed, or becomes illegible, the owner of a registered  
29 vehicle may obtain a duplicate from the department by filing,

1 on appropriate forms prescribed by the department, an appli-  
2 cation showing the fact of loss, mutilation, [OR] destruction,  
3 or illegibility, and paying a fee of \$2.

4 \* Sec. 5. AS 28.10.170 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 28.10.170. EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION. Every  
6 vehicle registration, every registration card, and every  
7 yearly insert tab [REGISTRATION PLATE] issued under this  
8 chapter expire at midnight on March 1 of each year. The  
9 owner of a registered vehicle may operate the vehicle under  
10 the registration for the preceding year upon displaying the  
11 yearly insert tabs [REGISTRATION PLATES] issued for that year  
12 until May 31 of the year for which the registration is re-  
13 quired.

14 \* Sec. 6. AS 28.10.180 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 28.10.180. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. The owner  
16 shall renew his vehicle registration upon application and  
17 payment of the annual license tax for the vehicle. The  
18 department may receive applications for registration or re-  
19 newal registration and issue new registration cards and  
20 yearly insert tabs [PLATES] at any time before expiration of  
21 registration, but no person may display the new yearly insert  
22 tabs [REGISTRATION PLATES] on a vehicle before February 15 of  
23 the year for which the tabs [PLATES] are issued.

24 \* Sec. 7. AS 28.10.350 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 28.10.350. TRANSFER OF TITLE OR INTEREST BY OWNER.  
26 (a) When the owner of a registered vehicle transfers or  
27 assigns his title or interest, the registration of the  
28 vehicle expires [, BUT THE REGISTRATION PLATES SHALL REMAIN  
29 ON THE VEHICLE]. The owner shall immediately remove the

1 permanent registration plates from the vehicle and shall  
2 return the registration card and the yearly insert tabs to  
3 the department within 24 hours.

4 (b) The owner shall keep the registration plates in his  
5 possession but shall not, under any circumstances, attach the  
6 plates to any vehicle other than one which is subsequently  
7 registered in his name as provided in this chapter.

8 (c) If the owner does not subsequently register a  
9 vehicle in his name within a period of time to be established  
10 by the department, his registration number may be declared to  
11 be unassigned and may be assigned to another applicant. If a  
12 previously assigned registration number is determined by the  
13 department to be unassigned, the department shall call for  
14 the return of the permanent registration plates bearing that  
15 number.

16 (d) Upon transfer of his title or interest, the [THE]  
17 owner shall endorse an assignment and warranty of title upon  
18 the certificate of title for the vehicle with a statement of  
19 all liens or encumbrances, and he shall deliver the certifi-  
20 cate of title [AND CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION] to the trans-  
21 feree at the time of delivering the vehicle, except as pro-  
22 vided in sec. 380 of this chapter.

23 \* Sec. 8. AS 28.10.360 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 28.10.360. TRANSFEEE [NEW OWNER] TO SECURE TRANS-  
25 FERS. Before operating or permitting the operation of the  
26 vehicle on any highway, the transferee shall present the  
27 [CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AND] certificate of title,  
28 properly endorsed, accompanied by a fee of \$2, to the depart-  
29 ment within 20 days following transfer of ownership, and shall

1 apply for and obtain a new certificate of title and new  
2 registration for the vehicle, except as permitted in sec.  
3 390 of this chapter.

4 \* Sec. 9. AS 28.10.370 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 28.10.370. ISSUANCE OF NEW REGISTRATION AND  
6 CERTIFICATE OF TITLE. (a) The department, upon receipt of  
7 an endorsed certificate of title, [AND CERTIFICATE OF REGIS-  
8 TRATION AND] application for registration, and the required  
9 fee, and when satisfied as to the genuineness and regularity  
10 of the transfer and right of the transferee to a certificate  
11 of title, shall reregister the vehicle in the name of the new  
12 owner and issue a new [CERTIFICATE OF] registration card and  
13 a certificate of title.

14 (b) If the person making application has been previously  
15 assigned a registration number, and that number is not  
16 presently assigned to a vehicle owned by the applicant or has  
17 not been declared unassigned by the department according to  
18 sec. 350 of this chapter, the number shall be assigned to the  
19 vehicle specified in the application.

20 (c) Until the department issues a new [CERTIFICATE OF]  
21 registration card and certificate of ownership, delivery of  
22 a vehicle required to be registered under this chapter shall  
23 be deemed not to have been made and title shall be deemed not  
24 to have passed, and the intended transfer shall be deemed  
25 incomplete and not valid or effective for any purpose.

26 \* Sec. 10. AS 28.10.390 is amended to read:

27 Sec. 28.10.390. TRANSFER TO DEALER. When the owner of  
28 a registered vehicle transfers or assigns his title or  
29 interest to a dealer, the transferor shall merely endorse the

1 certificate of title. The dealer is not required to present  
2 the [CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OR] certificate of title to  
3 the department as provided in sec. 360 of this chapter, until  
4 the vehicle is transferred by the dealer. However, the dealer  
5 shall immediately notify the department that the vehicle has  
6 been transferred to him.

7 \* Sec. 11. AS 28.10.400 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 28.10.400. TRANSFER BY DEALER OF REGISTERED  
9 VEHICLE. When a dealer transfers a vehicle which was trans-  
10 ferred to him as provided in sec. 390 of this chapter, the  
11 dealer shall deliver to the transferee the assigned certifi-  
12 cate of title received by the dealer from his transferor.  
13 The certificate shall be forwarded to the department as pro-  
14 vided in sec. 360 of this chapter, together with a fee of \$2.  
15 The department shall issue a new [CERTIFICATE OF] registration  
16 card and new certificate of title as provided in sec. 370 of  
17 this chapter, and deliver them to the transferee of the  
18 dealer subject to sec. 330 of this chapter.

19 \* Sec. 12. AS 28.10.440 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 28.10.440. OWNER DISMANTLING OR WRECKING VEHICLE.  
21 An owner who dismantles or wrecks a registered vehicle shall  
22 immediately forward the certificate of title, [AND] regis-  
23 tration card, and the yearly insert tabs for the vehicle to  
24 the department.

25 \* Sec. 13. AS 28.10.610 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 28.10.610. FALSE EVIDENCE OF TITLE AND REGISTRA-  
27 TION. A person who (1) alters with fraudulent intent a  
28 certificate of title, registration card, registration plate,  
29 yearly insert tab or permit issued by the department, (2)

1 forges or counterfeits a certificate of title, registration  
2 card, registration plate, yearly insert tab or permit, (3)  
3 alters or falsifies with fraudulent intent or forges an  
4 assignment upon a certificate of title, or (4) holds or uses  
5 a certificate of title, registration card, registration  
6 plate, yearly insert tab or permit knowing it is altered,  
7 forged, or falsified, is guilty of a felony, and upon con-  
8 viction is punishable by imprisonment for not more than two  
9 years, or by a fine of not more than \$2,000, or by both.

10 \* Sec. 14. AS 28.10.130 is repealed.

11 \* Sec. 15. This Act takes effect January 1, 1965.

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