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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 538

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For An Act entitled: "An Act relating to motor vehicle license plates."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 28.10.120 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 28.10.120. ISSUANCE OF PLATE [PLATES] UPON REGISTRATION.

10 When the department registers a vehicle, it shall issue to the owner
11 one registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, [OR] semi-trailer,
12 or [AND TWO REGISTRATION PLATES FOR EVERY] other motor vehicle. The
13 plate [PLATES] shall be issued to the vehicle registered and shall not
14 be removed from it during the term for which the plate is [PLATES ARE]
15 issued and shall not be used upon another vehicle, except as otherwise
16 provided in this chapter. Every registration plate shall have displayed
17 on it the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is
18 issued, the name of this state, and the year for which the plate is
19 issued. Special plates for mobile amateur radio stations shall have
20 the Federal Communications Commission call letters of the owner dis-
21 played on them in place of the registration number.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 28.10.125 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 28.10.125. IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC VEHICLES. (a) The
24 department shall issue a [TWO] permanent identification plate [PLATES]
25 and an identification certificate to the owner of a historic vehicle
26 upon application by the owner under regulations the commissioner of
27 revenue shall adopt.

28 (b) The owner shall attach [ONE OF] the identification plate
29 [PLATES] to the [FRONT OF THE VEHICLE AND ONE TO THE] rear of the

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1 vehicle only.

2 (c) The identification plate [PLATES] shall

3 (1) be issued in a separate numerical series beginning with
4 Historic Vehicle No. 1;

5 (2) be of a distinguishing color;

6 (3) bear no date;

7 (4) be permanent and remain with the vehicle upon sale or
8 transfer of the vehicle.

9 (d) The department shall charge the owner a fee of \$10 for the
10 issuance of the identification plate [PLATES] and certificate.

11 (e) The identification certificate contains the name and address
12 of the owner of the vehicle, and shall be kept either on the steering
13 column, the window visor, or some other prominent place in the vehicle.

14 (f) Upon transfer or sale of the vehicle the owner shall return
15 the identification certificate to the department. The department shall
16 issue a new certificate in the name of the transferee or purchaser upon
17 payment by the transferee or purchaser of a \$2 transfer fee.

18 * Sec. 3. AS 28.10.140 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 28.10.140. REGISTRATION PLATE [PLATES] TO BE DISPLAYED ON
20 VEHICLE. A registration plate [REGISTRATION PLATES] issued for a motor
21 vehicle [OTHER THAN A MOTORCYCLE, TRAILER, OR SEMI-TRAILER] shall be
22 attached to the vehicle [, ONE IN THE FRONT AND THE OTHER] in the rear.
23 [THE REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUED FOR A MOTORCYCLE, TRAILER, OR SEMI-
24 TRAILER SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE REAR.]

25 * Sec. 4. AS 28.10.160 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 28.10.160. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION WHEN ONE VEHICLE IS
27 REPLACED BY ANOTHER FOR USE IN TRANSPORTATION FOR HIRE. If a registered
28 vehicle used or designed for use in the transportation of persons for
29 hire or transportation of property, for which a license fee exceeding

1 \$5 has been paid, is destroyed or permanently withdrawn from service in
2 the state and replaced in service by a similar vehicle to be similarly
3 used, the registered owner may transfer the registration plate [PLATES]
4 from the vehicle destroyed or withdrawn to the vehicle replacing it, and
5 the department shall issue a registration card for the new vehicle with-
6 out the payment of any further tax under secs. 200 - 250 of this chapter.
7 To effect transfer and reregistration

8 (1) the owner of the motor vehicle which is replaced shall
9 pay to the department a registration transfer fee of \$2, file an affida-
10 vit showing the fact of destruction or withdrawal, and surrender the
11 registration card to the department;

12 (2) if the weight of the vehicle for which transfer and regis-
13 tration is made exceeds the weight of the vehicle destroyed or with-
14 drawn, there shall be paid to the department for the excess weight a tax
15 at the rate prescribed in secs. 200 - 250 of this chapter.

16 * Sec. 5. AS 28.10.170 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 28.10.170. EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION. Every vehicle regis-
18 tration, every registration card, and every registration plate issued
19 under this chapter expires at midnight on December 31 of each year. The
20 owner of a registered vehicle may operate the vehicle under the regis-
21 tration for the preceding year upon displaying the registration plate
22 [PLATES] issued for that year until May 31 of the year for which the
23 registration is required.

24 * Sec. 6. AS 28.10.180 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 28.10.180. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. The owner shall renew
26 his vehicle registration upon application and payment of the annual
27 license tax for the vehicle. The department may receive applications
28 for registration or renewal registration and issue new registration
29 cards and a plate [PLATES] at any time before expiration of registration

1 but no person may display the new registration plate [PLATES] on a
2 vehicle before January 1 of the year for which the plate is [PLATES ARE]
3 issued.

4 * Sec. 7. AS 28.10.205 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 28.10.205. PERSONALIZED REGISTRATION PLATES. (a) The
6 department shall design and issue upon request a personalized letter
7 registration plate [PLATES] or a combination of personalized letters
8 [LETTER] and numbers on a [NUMBER] registration plate [PLATES] for a
9 motor vehicle.

10 (b) The department shall charge a fee of \$20 in addition to the
11 annual license tax prescribed under sec. 200(b)(2) of this chapter. The
12 fee shall be paid to the department at the time of applying for the
13 personalized plate [PLATES].

14 (c) A person to whom a personalized registration plate has [PLATES
15 HAVE] been issued may retain it [THEM] so long as he continues to pay
16 the annual registration fee, and he may transfer the registration plate
17 [PLATES] to another motor vehicle he owns or purchases in the event
18 that he disposes of the motor vehicle for which the registration plate
19 was [PLATES WERE] first issued.

20 (d) If a personalized registration plate is lost, mutilated, or
21 destroyed, the owner of a registered vehicle may obtain a duplicate from
22 the department by filing an application showing the fact of loss, mutila-
23 tion, or destruction and paying the actual cost of the plate.

24 (e) The department shall further prescribe regulations dealing
25 with the issuance, transfer, and design of personalized registration
26 plates provided for under this section.

27 * Sec. 8. AS 28.10.350(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) When the owner of a registered vehicle transfers or assigns
29 his title or interest, the registration of the vehicle expires, but the

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registration plate remains [PLATES SHALL REMAIN] on the vehicle. The owner shall endorse an assignment and warranty of title upon the certificate of title for the vehicle with a statement of all liens or encumbrances, and he shall deliver the certificate of title and certificate of registration to the transferee at the time of delivering the vehicle, except as provided in sec. 380 of this chapter.