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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 44 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to motor vehicle liability insurance
7 and vehicle registration; and providing for an effective date."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 * Section 1. AS 21.89.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to
11 read:

12 (f) An automobile liability insurance policy must provide that
13 all expenses and fees, not including counsel fees, incurred because of
14 arbitration or mediation shall be paid as a part of the arbitration
15 award.

16 * Sec. 2. AS 28.10.021(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) The owner of a vehicle subject to registration shall apply
18 for registration under this chapter by properly completing the form
19 prescribed by the commissioner under AS 28.05.041. Before the issuance
20 of a certificate of registration by the department, the owner
21 shall

22 (1) pay all registration fees and taxes required under this
23 chapter and federal heavy vehicle use taxes required under 26 U.S.C.
24 4481 (Internal Revenue Code of 1954);

25 (2) unless the owner qualifies as a self-insurer under
26 AS 28.20.400, or is exempted from obtaining liability insurance under
27 AS 28.22.200, certify to the department the existence of a motor
28 vehicle liability policy that complies with AS 28.22.200 for the
29 vehicle being registered and certify that the liability policy will

1 remain in effect for the term the vehicle is registered and being
2 driven on a highway, vehicular way or area, or until the vehicle is
3 sold; and

4 (3) [SHALL] comply with [ANY] other applicable statutes and
5 regulations.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 28.10.041(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) The department may refuse to register a vehicle if

8 (1) the application contains a false or fraudulent state-
9 ment;

10 (2) the applicant fails to furnish information required by
11 the department;

12 (3) the applicant is not entitled to the issuance of a
13 certificate of title or registration under this chapter;

14 (4) the vehicle is determined to be mechanically unsafe to
15 be driven or moved on a highway, vehicular way or area, or other
16 public property in the [THIS] state;

17 (5) the department has reasonable grounds to believe that
18 the vehicle was stolen or fraudulently acquired or that the granting
19 of registration would be a fraud against the rightful owner or other
20 person having a valid lien upon the vehicle;

21 (6) the registration of the vehicle has been suspended or
22 revoked for any reason under the laws of the [THIS] state;

23 (7) the required fees or taxes have not been paid;

24 (8) the vehicle or applicant fails to comply with this
25 chapter or regulations authorized by this section;

26 (9) the vehicle is without a certificate of inspection
27 required under AS 28.32.010;

28 (10) the vehicle is subject to a state-approved local
29 emission inspection program adopted by municipal ordinance under

1 AS 46.03.210, and the vehicle does not meet the standards of that
2 program, unless the vehicle uses a fuel source that does not primarily
3 emit carbon monoxide;

4 (11) the applicant fails to certify to the department the
5 existence of a motor vehicle liability policy that complies with
6 AS 28.22.010 for the vehicle being registered, unless the owner of the
7 vehicle qualifies as a self-insurer under AS 28.20.400, or is exempted
8 from obtaining liability insurance under AS 28.22.200.

9 * Sec. 4. AS 28.10.051 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (b) Unless the owner qualifies as a self-insurer under AS 28.-
11 20.400, or is exempted from obtaining liability insurance under
12 AS 28.22.200, the department may suspend or revoke the registration of
13 a vehicle that is not insured by a motor vehicle liability policy that
14 complies with AS 28.22.010.

15 * Sec. 5. AS 28.10.421(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) The annual registration fees under this subsection are
17 imposed and are based upon the actual unladen weight as established by
18 the manufacturer's advertised weight or upon the actual weight which
19 the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval of the commissioner
20 or the commissioner's representative, for a vehicle, including a motor
21 vehicle pulling a trailer or semi-trailer, used or maintained for the
22 transportation of passengers for hire, excepting taxicabs and buses
23 under (b) of this section, or for the transportation of property for
24 hire or for other commercial use, including a commercial vehicle such
25 as a trailer, semi-trailer, truck, wrecker, tow car, hearse, ambu-
26 lance, and tractor, as follows:

- 27 (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds \$51 [\$50];
28 (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds .
29 \$86 [\$85];

1 (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds
2 \$156 [\$155];
3 (4) more than 18,000 pounds \$221 [\$220].

4 * Sec. 6. AS 28.10.421 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (f) The fees collected by the department under this section
6 shall be deposited in the general fund. The Department of Adminis-
7 tration shall separately account for three percent of the fees
8 collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The
9 annual estimated balance in the account may be used by the legislature
10 to make appropriations for administration of AS 28.10.021(a) and
11 AS 28.22 (Alaska Mandatory Automobile Insurance Act).

12 * Sec. 7. AS 28.15.255(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) In this section, the term "proof of financial responsibility
14 [FOR THE FUTURE]" has the meaning given in AS 28.20.630 [AS 28.20.-
15 230(b)] and may be established as provided in AS 28.20.

16 * Sec. 8 AS 28.20.630 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 28.20.630. DEFINITIONS [DEFINITION]. In this chapter,
18 unless the context otherwise requires,

19 (1) "judgment" ["JUDGMENT"] means a judgment that [WHICH]
20 is final by expiration without appeal of the time within which an
21 appeal may be taken, or final by affirmation on appeal, given by a
22 court of a [ANY] state or of the United States, upon a cause of action
23 arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a vehicle of a
24 type subject to registration under the laws of this state, for dam-
25 ages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of
26 bodily injury to or death of a person, or for damages because of
27 injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use of
28 property, or upon a cause of action on an agreement of settlement for
29 such damages;

1 (2) "proof of financial responsibility" means an owner's
2 motor vehicle liability policy that covers all vehicles owned by the
3 person that are subject to registration in this state, or if the
4 person does not own a vehicle, proof required under AS 28.20.390.

5 * Sec. 9. AS 28.22 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 Sec. 28.22.610. SHORT TITLE. This chapter may be cited as the
7 Alaska Mandatory Automobile Insurance Act.

8 * Sec. 10. Section 1 of this Act applies to automobile liability insur-
9 ance policies entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of
10 this Act.

11 * Sec. 11. AS 28.20.230(b) and secs. 17, 18, 19, 20, and 23 of ch. 70,
12 SLA 1984 are repealed.

13 * Sec. 12. This Act takes effect January 1, 1988.