

HOUSE BILL NO. 179

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/24/93

Referred: Labor & Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to motor vehicles and mobile homes: and providing for an
2 effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 28.10.071(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The department shall review each application for registration received and,
6 when satisfied that it is correct, register the vehicle and keep a record of the
7 registration in suitable books, index cards, or electronic or photographic recording and
8 storage media, or in any combination of them. The [RECORD IS REFERRED TO AS
9 THE "VEHICLE REGISTER" AND THE] vehicles are referred to as "registered
10 vehicles." The department may compile a record of the number and types of vehicles
11 registered in this state and may make statistical data available to the public for a fee
12 as prescribed in regulations adopted by the commissioner. The department may also
13 provide vehicle registration lists to the public for a fee, but only as an electronic
14 service or product under AS 09.25.115. The commissioner may prescribe, by

1 regulation, fees relating to the provision of vehicle registration lists.

2 * Sec. 2. AS 28.10.071(c) is amended to read:

3 (c) The department shall keep a record of the registrations of vehicles used in
4 law enforcement work when secrecy is necessary. This record is separate from the
5 record [VEHICLE REGISTER] required by (a) of this section and may be disclosed
6 only to and upon the request of the chief peace officer of a municipality, a state
7 trooper district commander, the chief federal law enforcement officer assigned to the
8 state, or to a court upon an appropriate order.

9 * Sec. 3. AS 28.10.181(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) Special request plates. Upon application by the owner of a passenger
11 vehicle, motorcycle, noncommercial van or pick-up truck, or motor home, the
12 department shall design and issue registration plates containing a series of not more
13 than six letters or numbers or combination of letters and numbers as requested by the
14 owner. The department may, in its discretion, disapprove the issuance of registration
15 plates under this subsection when the requested symbols are a duplication of an
16 existing registration or when the symbols are considered unacceptable by the
17 department. The department may also design and issue special registration plates
18 depicting Alaska plant life, fish, wildlife, geography, history, or other depictions
19 of the state.

20 * Sec. 4. AS 28.10.181(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

21 (d) Vehicles owned by disabled veterans, including persons disabled in the line
22 of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with disabilities.
23 Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk,
24 as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall

25 (1) register one passenger vehicle in the name of the person without
26 charge; and

27 (2) issue a specially designed registration plate that displays

28 (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the applicant's
29 disability originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial
30 Guard or the armed forces of the United States; or

31 (B) the standard symbol of disability (the wheelchair logo).

1 * Sec. 5. AS 28.10.181(j) is amended to read:

2 (j) Vehicles owned by dealers. A state-registered and bonded vehicle dealer
3 may apply for dealer registration plates. A plate issued under this subsection may be
4 used only on dealer-owned vehicles during the routine and normal course of the
5 dealer's business, excluding service vehicles, or for transporting an unregistered vehicle
6 from a port of entry to the dealer's facilities or from one dealer to another or, in the
7 case of a house trailer, from the retail facility to a trailer space. A vehicle permitted
8 to have dealer plates must be affixed with two plates issued under this subsection.
9 If the dealer sells or transfers the vehicle, the dealer plates may be used on the vehicle
10 by the new owner or transferee for a period of not more than five days after the sale
11 or transfer. The department may seize the dealer plates if it has reason to believe that
12 the plates are being used to defeat the purposes of, or are in violation of, this chapter.

13 * Sec. 6. AS 28.10.201(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) The owner of a vehicle described in AS 28.10.011 as being exempt from
15 registration and the owner of a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle may not apply for,
16 nor may the department issue, a certificate of title for such a vehicle. However, the
17 department may issue a certificate of title to the owner of a vehicle exempt from
18 registration under AS 28.10.011(3), (6), (7), or (11) [, OR (12)] only upon application
19 by that owner.

20 * Sec. 7. AS 28.10.411(f) is amended to read:

21 (f) A resident 65 years of age or older on January 1 of the year the vehicle is
22 registered is entitled to an exemption once each calendar year from the registration
23 fee required under this section for one motor vehicle subject to registration under
24 AS 28.10.421(b)(1), (2), (5), or (6). An exemption may not be granted except upon
25 written application for the exemption on a form prescribed by the department.

26 * Sec. 8. AS 28.10.421(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) Unless otherwise provided by law,
28 (1) the fees prescribed in this section shall be paid to the department
29 at the times provided under AS 28.10.108 and 28.10.111; and.
30 (2) an additional fee of \$10 shall be added to the registration fee
31 set out in this section for registration not conducted by mail; the department may

1 waive this additional fee for a good cause based on criteria established in
2 regulations adopted by the department.

3 * Sec. 9. AS 28.10.421(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) The annual registration fees under this subsection are imposed and are
5 based upon the actual unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised
6 weight or upon the actual weight which the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval
7 of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative, for a vehicle, including a
8 motor vehicle pulling a trailer or semi-trailer, that is registered in the name of a
9 company or business, or is used or maintained for the transportation of passengers
10 for hire, excepting taxicabs and buses under (b) of this section, or for the transportation
11 of property for hire or for other commercial purposes [USE], including [A
12 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SUCH AS] a trailer, semi-trailer, truck, wrecker, tow car,
13 hearse, ambulance, and tractor, as follows:

- 14 (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds \$51;
15 (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds . . \$86;
16 (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds \$156;
17 (4) more than 18,000 pounds \$221.

18 * Sec. 10. AS 28.10.431(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) The tax is levied upon motor vehicles subject to the license tax under
20 AS 28.10.411 and 28.10.421, [NOT INCLUDING MOBILE HOMES,] and is based
21 upon the age of vehicles as determined by model year according to the following
22 schedule:

23 Tax According to Age of
24 Vehicle
25 Since Model Year:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
								or over
28 Motor Vehicle								
29 (1) motorcycle	\$ 8	\$ 7	\$ 6	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 2
30 (2) vehicles specified 31 in AS 28.10.421(b)(1)	60	50	40	30	20	15	10	5

1	(3) vehicles specified	60	50	40	30	20	15	10	5
2	in AS 28.10.421(b)(3)								
3	(4) vehicles specified								
4	in AS 28.10.421 (c)(1)-(4)								
5	5,000 pounds or less	60	50	40	30	20	15	10	5
6	5,001-12,000	100	80	60	50	40	30	20	10
7	pounds								
8	12,001-18,000	150	120	100	80	60	40	30	20
9	pounds								
10	18,001 pounds	200	160	130	100	80	60	40	20
11	or over								
12	(5) vehicles specified	100	80	60	50	40	30	20	10
13	in AS 28.10.421(b)(4)								
14	(6) vehicles specified	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2
15	in AS 28.10.421(b)(6)								
16	(7) vehicles specified	60	50	40	30	20	15	10	5
17	in AS 28.10.421(d)(9)								
18	(8) vehicles specified	60	50	40	30	20	15	10	5
19	in AS 28.10.421(b)(2)								
20	(9) vehicles eligible	40							
21	for dealer plates under								
22	AS 28.10.421(d)(10).								

23 * Sec. 11. AS 28.10.495(c) is amended to read:

24 (c) Proof of disablement or medical handicap, for the purpose of this section,
 25 shall be the same as that required for the purposes of [PROVIDED AS SPECIFIED
 26 IN] AS 28.10.181(d).

27 * Sec. 12. AS 28.40.100(a)(21) is amended to read:

28 (21) "vehicle" means a device in, upon, or by which a person or
 29 property may be transported or drawn upon or immediately over a highway or
 30 vehicular way or area; "vehicle" does not include

31 (A) [EXCEPT] devices used exclusively upon stationary rails

1 or tracks;

2 **(B) mobile homes:**

3 * Sec. 13. AS 28.10.011(12), 28.10.181(k), 28.10.421(d)(12), and AS 28.22.011(a)(3) are
4 repealed.

5 * Sec. 14. This Act takes effect July 1, 1993.