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Sponsor(s): HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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 as an electronic service or  
14 product under AS 09.25.115. The commissioner may prescribe, by regulation, fees

1 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 AS 28.10.181(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 (d) Vehicles owned by disabled veterans, including persons disabled in the line  
11 of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with disabilities.  
12 Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk,  
13 as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one passenger vehicle  
14 in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue a specially designed  
15 registration plate that displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the applicant's  
16 disability originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial Guard or  
17 the armed forces of the United States; and (B) the standard symbol of disability (the  
18 wheelchair logo). A disabled veteran who is not otherwise qualified under this  
19 subsection, but who presents to the department written proof that the person is at least  
20 70 percent disabled or medically handicapped as a consequence of service in the  
21 Alaska Territorial Guard or the armed forces of the United States, may register one  
22 passenger vehicle without charge and the department shall issue a specially designed  
23 registration plate that displays recognition of the disabled veteran that does not display  
24 the standard handicap symbol and does not carry with it special parking privileges.

25 \* Sec. 4. AS 28.10.181(j) is amended to read:

26 (j) Vehicles owned by dealers. A state-registered and bonded vehicle dealer  
27 may apply for dealer registration plates. A plate issued under this subsection may be  
28 used only on dealer-owned vehicles during the routine and normal course of the  
29 dealer's business, excluding service vehicles, or for transporting an unregistered vehicle  
30 from a port of entry to the dealer's facilities or from one dealer to another or, in the  
31 case of a house trailer, from the retail facility to a trailer space. A vehicle permitted

1 **to have dealer plates must be affixed with two plates issued under this subsection.**  
2 If the dealer sells or transfers the vehicle, the dealer plates may be used on the vehicle  
3 by the new owner or transferee for a period of not more than five days after the sale  
4 or transfer. The department may seize the dealer plates if it has reason to believe that  
5 the plates are being used to defeat the purposes of, or are in violation of, this chapter.

6 \* Sec. 5. AS 28.10.201(b) is amended to read:

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

13 \* Sec. 6. AS 28.10.411(f) is amended to read:

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

19 \* Sec. 7. AS 28.10.421(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) Unless otherwise provided by law,

21 (1) the fees prescribed in this section shall be paid to the department  
22 at the times provided under AS 28.10.108 and 28.10.111; and.

23 (2) an additional fee of \$10 shall be added to the registration fee  
24 set out in this section for registration not conducted by mail; the department may  
25 waive this additional fee for a good cause based on criteria established in  
26 regulations adopted by the department.

27 \* Sec. 8. AS 28.10.421(c) is amended to read:

28 (c) The annual registration fees under this subsection are imposed and are  
29 based upon the actual unladen weight as established by the manufacturer's advertised  
30 weight or upon the actual weight which the owner shall furnish, subject to the approval  
31 of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative, for a vehicle, including a

1 motor vehicle pulling a trailer or semi-trailer, that is registered in the name of a  
 2 company or business, or is used or maintained for the transportation of passengers  
 3 for hire, excepting taxicabs and buses under (b) of this section, or for the transportation  
 4 of property for hire or for other commercial purposes [USE], including [A  
 5 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SUCH AS] a trailer, semi-trailer, truck, wrecker, tow car,  
 6 hearse, ambulance, and tractor, as follows:

- 7 (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds . . . . . \$51;
- 8 (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds . . \$86;
- 9 (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds \$156;
- 10 (4) more than 18,000 pounds . . . . . \$221.

11 \* Sec. 9. AS 28.10.431(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) The tax is levied upon motor vehicles subject to the license fee [TAX]  
 13 under AS 28.10.411 and 28.10.421 [, NOT INCLUDING MOBILE HOMES,] and is  
 14 based upon the age of vehicles as determined by model year according to the following  
 15 schedule:

|    |                     | Tax According to Age of Vehicle Since Model Year |             |             |             |           |           |           |          |
|----|---------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|    |                     | 1st  | 2nd         | 3rd         | 4th         | 5th       | 6th       | 7th       | 8th      |
|    |                     | or over  |             |             |             |           |           |           |          |
| 16 | Motor Vehicle       |  |             |             |             |           |           |           |          |
| 17 | (1) motorcycle      | <u>\$ 9</u>                                      | <u>\$ 8</u> | <u>\$ 7</u> | <u>\$ 6</u> | \$ 4      | \$ 3      | \$ 2      | \$ 2     |
| 18 |                     | [\$ 8]   | [\$ 7]      | [\$ 6]      | [\$ 5]      |           |           |           |          |
| 19 | (2) vehicles speci- | <u>66</u>  | <u>55</u>   | <u>44</u>   | <u>33</u>   | <u>22</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>8</u> |
| 20 | fied in AS 28.10.-  | [ 60]  | [ 50]       | [ 40]       | [ 30]       | [ 20]     | [ 15]     | [ 10]     | [ 5]     |
| 21 | 421(b)(1)           |  |             |             |             |           |           |           |          |
| 22 | (3) vehicles speci- | <u>66</u>  | <u>55</u>   | <u>44</u>   | <u>33</u>   | <u>22</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>8</u> |
| 23 | fied in AS 28.10.-  | [ 60]  | [ 50]       | [ 40]       | [ 30]       | [ 20]     | [ 15]     | [ 10]     | [ 5]     |
| 24 | 421(b)(3)           |  |             |             |             |           |           |           |          |
| 25 | (4) vehicles speci- | <u>66</u>  | <u>55</u>   | <u>44</u>   | <u>33</u>   | <u>22</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>8</u> |
| 26 | fied in AS 28.10.-  | [ 60]  | [ 50]       | [ 40]       | [ 30]       | [ 20]     | [ 15]     | [ 10]     | [ 5]     |
| 27 | 421(c)(1) - (4)     |  |             |             |             |           |           |           |          |
| 28 | 5,000 pounds or     | <u>66</u>  | <u>55</u>   | <u>44</u>   | <u>33</u>   | <u>22</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>8</u> |

|    |                       |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
|----|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1  | less                  | [ 60]      | [ 50]      | [ 40]      | [ 30]      | [ 20]     | [ 15]     | [ 10]     | [ 5]      |
| 2  | 5,001 - 12,000        | <u>110</u> | <u>88</u>  | <u>66</u>  | <u>55</u>  | <u>44</u> | <u>33</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>11</u> |
| 3  | pounds                | [100]      | [ 80]      | [ 60]      | [ 50]      | [ 40]     | [ 30]     | [ 20]     | [ 10]     |
| 4  | 12,001 - 18,000       | <u>165</u> | <u>132</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>88</u>  | <u>66</u> | <u>44</u> | <u>33</u> | <u>22</u> |
| 5  | pounds                | [150]      | [120]      | [100]      | [ 80]      | [ 60]     | [ 40]     | [ 30]     | [ 20]     |
| 6  | 18,001 pounds         | <u>220</u> | <u>176</u> | <u>143</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>88</u> | <u>66</u> | <u>44</u> | <u>22</u> |
| 7  | or over               | [200]      | [160]      | [130]      | [100]      | [ 80]     | [ 60]     | [ 40]     | [ 20]     |
| 8  | (5) vehicles speci-   | <u>110</u> | <u>88</u>  | <u>66</u>  | <u>55</u>  | <u>44</u> | <u>33</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>11</u> |
| 9  | fied in AS 28.10.-    | [100]      | [ 80]      | [ 60]      | [ 50]      | [ 40]     | [ 30]     | [ 20]     | [ 10]     |
| 10 | 421(b)(4)             |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 11 | (6) vehicles speci-   | <u>9</u>   | <u>8</u>   | <u>7</u>   | <u>6</u>   |           |           |           |           |
| 12 | fied in AS 28.10.-    | [ 8]       | [ 7]       | [ 6]       | [ 5]       | 4         | 3         | 2         | 2         |
| 13 | 421(b)(6)             |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 14 | (7) vehicles speci-   | <u>66</u>  | <u>55</u>  | <u>44</u>  | <u>33</u>  | <u>22</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>8</u>  |
| 15 | fied in AS 28.10.-    | [ 60]      | [ 50]      | [ 40]      | [ 30]      | [ 20]     | [ 15]     | [ 10]     | [ 5]      |
| 16 | 421(d)(9)             |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 17 | (8) vehicles speci-   | <u>66</u>  | <u>55</u>  | <u>44</u>  | <u>33</u>  | <u>22</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>8</u>  |
| 18 | fied in AS 28.10.-    | [ 60]      | [ 50]      | [ 40]      | [ 30]      | [ 20]     | [15]      | [ 10]     | [ 5]      |
| 19 | 421(b)(2)             |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 20 | (9) vehicles eligible | <u>44</u>  |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 21 | for dealer plates     | [ 40]      |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 22 | under AS 28.10.-      |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |
| 23 | 421(d)(10).           |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |

24 \* Sec. 10. AS 28.10.431(e) is amended to read:

25 (e) The department shall refund money collected under this section, less eight  
26 [FIVE] percent as collection costs, to a municipality for which the money was  
27 collected, as determined by (1) the address of residence of an individual required to  
28 pay the tax, or (2) the situs of the vehicle if the vehicle is not owned by an individual;  
29 the tax situs is the location at which the motor vehicle is usually, normally, or  
30 regularly kept or used. For the first year in which the tax is levied within a  
31 municipality, the department may retain actual costs of collection of the tax within the

1 municipality as determined by the department.

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

3 (c) Proof of disablement or medical handicap, for the purpose of this section,  
4 shall be the same as that required for the purposes of AS 28.10.181(d)(2)  
5 [PROVIDED AS SPECIFIED IN AS 28.10.181(d)].

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

7 (21) "vehicle" means a device in, upon, or by which a person or  
8 property may be transported or drawn upon or immediately over a highway or  
9 vehicular way or area: "vehicle" does not include

10 (A) [EXCEPT] devices used exclusively upon stationary rails  
11 or tracks;

12 (B) mobile homes;

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

15 \* Sec. 14. Sections 1 - 8 and 11 - 13 of this Act take effect July 1, 1993.

16 \* Sec. 15. Sections 9 and 10 of this Act take effect January 1, 1994.