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EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to motor vehicle registration and registration fees; to fees for  
2 drivers' licenses and permits; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 28.10.108(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) Subject to the provisions of (f) of this section, a vehicle subject to  
6 registration

7 (1) under AS 28.10.011 and 28.10.421(b)(3) and (4) and (c)(1) - (4)  
8 shall have its initial registration, and may have its biennial [ANNUAL] registration,  
9 renewed during the month of December;

10 (2) under AS 28.10.181, 28.10.411, and 28.10.421(d)(3) and (8) [(9)]  
11 shall have its initial registration, and may have its biennial [ANNUAL] registration,  
12 renewed during the month of January.

13 \* Sec. 2. AS 28.10.108(c) is amended to read:

14 (c) A vehicle subject to registration and not described in (b) of this section

1 shall have its initial registration, and may have its biennial [ANNUAL] registration,  
2 renewed in the month of initial registration in the state, subject to the provisions of (f)  
3 of this section.

4 \* Sec. 3. AS 28.10.108(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) A registered vehicle retains the same biennial [ANNUAL] expiration date  
6 regardless of the ownership of the vehicle.

7 \* Sec. 4. AS 28.10.108(f) is amended to read:

8 (f) Upon request of the owner and payment of the proportionate prorated  
9 applicable fees, a vehicle registered under this section shall have its registration period  
10 extended in monthly increments to allow biennial [ANNUAL] registration to occur in  
11 the month of the owner's choice.

12 \* Sec. 5. AS 28.10.111(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) The department may receive an application for the renewal of vehicle  
14 registration and issue a new certificate of registration at any time before the expiration  
15 of the biennial [ANNUAL] registration as prescribed in regulations adopted by the  
16 commissioner. Nothing in this section prevents the commissioner from providing for  
17 a longer [MULTI-YEAR] registration period; however, a person may not display the  
18 new registration plates on a vehicle before a date which may be set by the  
19 commissioner.

20 \* Sec. 6. AS 28.10.411(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) For every year during any part of which a vehicle is subject to registration  
22 under this chapter, a registration fee shall be paid to the department at the time of  
23 original registration and at each biennial [ANNUAL] renewal of registration after that  
24 time.

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

26 (f) A resident 65 years of age or older on January 1 of the year the vehicle is  
27 registered is entitled to an exemption once each biennial registration period  
28 [CALENDAR YEAR] from the registration fee required under this section for one  
29 motor vehicle subject to registration under AS 28.10.421(b)(1), (2), (5), or (6). An  
30 exemption may not be granted except upon written application for the exemption on  
31 a form prescribed by the department.

1 \* Sec. 8. AS 28.10.421(a) is amended to read:  
 2 (a) Unless otherwise provided by law,  
 3 (1) the fees prescribed in this section shall be paid to the department  
 4 at the times provided under AS 28.10.108 and 28.10.111; [AND]  
 5 (2) an additional fee of \$10 shall be added to the registration fee set  
 6 out in this section for registration not conducted by mail; the department may waive  
 7 this additional fee for a good cause based on criteria established in regulations adopted  
 8 by the department; and  
 9 (3) the department shall establish procedures that allow the fees  
 10 prescribed in this section to be paid by credit card, including credit card payment  
 11 authorized by telephone.

12 \* Sec. 9. AS 28.10.421(b) is amended to read:  
 13 (b) The biennial [ANNUAL] registration fees under this subsection are  
 14 imposed within the following classifications for:  
 15 (1) a passenger vehicle or motor home not used or maintained for the  
 16 transportation of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use  
 17 ..... \$53 [\$35];  
 18 (2) a pick-up truck or a van not exceeding 6,000 pounds unladen  
 19 weight and not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire  
 20 or for other commercial use ..... \$60 [\$40];  
 21 (3) a taxicab ..... \$105 [\$70];  
 22 (4) a motor bus with a seating capacity for 20 or more persons and  
 23 used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists  
 24 ..... \$128 [\$85];  
 25 (5) a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle ..... \$30 [\$20];  
 26 (6) a trailer not used or maintained for the transportation of persons  
 27 or property for hire or for other commercial use, including, but not limited to, a boat  
 28 trailer, baggage trailer, box trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, travel trailer, or a trailer  
 29 rented or offered for rent ..... \$8 [\$5].

30 \* Sec. 10. AS 28.10.421(c) is amended to read:  
 31 (c) The biennial [ANNUAL] registration fees under this subsection are

1 imposed and are based upon the actual unladen weight as established by the  
2 manufacturer's advertised weight or upon the actual weight which the owner shall  
3 furnish, subject to the approval of the commissioner or the commissioner's  
4 representative, for a vehicle, including a motor vehicle pulling a trailer or semi-trailer,  
5 that is registered in the name of a company or business, or is used or maintained for  
6 the transportation of passengers for hire, excepting taxicabs and buses under (b) of this  
7 section, or for the transportation of property for hire or for other commercial purposes,  
8 including a trailer, semi-trailer, truck, wrecker, tow car, hearse, ambulance, and tractor,  
9 as follows

- 10 (1) up to and including 5,000 pounds . . . . . \$77 [\$51];
- 11 (2) more than 5,000 pounds to and including 12,000 pounds  
12 . . . . . \$129 [\$86];
- 13 (3) more than 12,000 pounds to and including 18,000 pounds \$234  
14 [\$156];
- 15 (4) more than 18,000 pounds . . . . . \$332 [\$221].

16 \* Sec. 11. AS 28.10.421(d) is amended to read:

17 (d) The special registration fees under this subsection are imposed biennially  
18 [ANNUALLY], unless otherwise specified, for

- 19 (1) an historic vehicle, [(] one time only upon initial registration under  
20 AS 28.10.181 [)] . . . . . \$10;
- 21 (2) special request plates for
  - 22 (A) Alaska National Guard personnel . . . . . \$30;
  - 23 (B) veterans or retired veterans . . . . . \$30;
  - 24 (C) recipients of the Purple Heart . . . . . \$30;
  - 25 (D) owners of custom collection vehicles . . . . . \$50;
  - 26 (E) other special request plates . . . . . \$30;

27 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section; the fee required by this  
28 paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of  
29 special request plates;

- 30 (3) a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran or other handicapped person,  
31 and registered under AS 28.10.181 or a resident 65 years of age or older who files a

1 written application for an exemption on a form prescribed by the department none;

2 (4) a vehicle owned by the state . . . . . none;

3 (5) a vehicle owned by an elected state official . . . . . the fee

4 required for that vehicle under (b) of this section;

5 (6) [REPEALED

6 (7)] a vehicle owned by a rancher, farmer, or dairyman and registered

7 under AS 28.10.181 . . . . . \$53 [\$35];

8 (7) [(8)] a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle . . . . . \$8 [\$5];

9 (8) [(9)] an amateur mobile radio station vehicle,

10 (A) with a transceiver capable of less than 5-band operation ...

11 the fee required for that vehicle under (b) or (c) of this section;

12 (B) in recognition of service to the public a mobile amateur

13 radio station owned by an amateur with general class or higher license,

14 provided the station must be satisfactorily proved capable of operating on at

15 least five bands from 160 through 10 meters, must have an antenna, and must

16 have a power supply and wiring as a permanent part of the vehicle; the

17 transmitting unit may be removed from the car for service or dry storage . . .

18 none for a mobile amateur radio station vehicle included in (b)(1) or (2) of this

19 section;

20 (9) [(10)] dealer registration plates

21 (A) the initial set of plates . . . . . \$68 [\$45];

22 (B) each subsequent set of plates . . . . . \$38 [\$25];

23 (10) [(11)] a vehicle owned by a municipality or charitable organization

24 meeting the requirements of AS 28.10.181(e) . . . . . \$8 [\$5];

25 (11) [(12) REPEALED

26 (13)] a vehicle owned by a Pearl Harbor survivor or a former prisoner

27 of war . . . . . none;

28 (12) [(14) REPEALED

29 (15)] special request university plates . . . . . \$75 [\$50]

30 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b)(1) or (2) of this section; the fee

31 required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the

1 replacement of special request plates; the commissioner of administration shall  
2 separately account by university campus designation for the fees received under this  
3 paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated  
4 balance in the accounts that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request  
5 university plates may be appropriated by the legislature for the support of programs  
6 at each campus.

7 \* Sec. 12. AS 28.10.423 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 28.10.423. EMISSION CONTROL INSPECTION PROGRAM FEES. In  
9 addition to the biennial [ANNUAL] registration fee specified in AS 28.10.421, a \$1  
10 fee is imposed upon every vehicle required to be inspected under an emission control  
11 program established under AS 46.14.400 or 46.14.510. This fee shall be collected at  
12 the same time and in the same manner as the registration fee.

13 \* Sec. 13. AS 28.15.271 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 (e) The department shall establish procedures that allow the fees prescribed in  
15 this section to be paid by credit card, including credit card payment authorized by  
16 telephone.

17 \* Sec. 14. TRANSITION. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, the biennial  
18 registration fees imposed under this Act shall be collected upon initial registration or renewal  
19 of an existing registration.

20 \* Sec. 15. This Act takes effect July 1, 1994.