

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/24/93
Referred: TRA, JUD, FIN

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to certification of the Alaska State Legislature's opposition to requiring**
2 **suspension of a driver's license for drug offenses.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska is concerned with drug abuse by its citizens and has
5 enacted numerous laws and initiated programs aimed at reducing both the demand for and
6 supply of illegal drugs; and

7 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska currently revokes the driver's licenses of persons
8 convicted of driving a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs; and

9 **WHEREAS** the revocation of a drug offender's driver's license has not been shown
10 to deter drug use; and

11 **WHEREAS** 23 U.S.C. 159(a) mandates the withholding of certain federal-aid highway
12 funds from states that by October 31, 1993, fail to either

13 (1) enact legislation requiring suspension of an individual's driver's license
14 upon conviction of a violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act or any drug offense;
15 or

16 (2) file a certification from the Governor that the Governor is opposed to the

1 enactment of such a law and that the legislature has adopted a resolution expressing its
2 opposition to such a law; and

3 **WHEREAS** failure of this legislature to take either mandated action will result in the
4 withholding of federal-aid highway funds; and

5 **WHEREAS** actions of the Congress to coerce states into passing ineffective laws are
6 inappropriate; and

7 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska has and will continue to address illegal drugs in
8 effective and cost beneficial ways;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature certifies that it is opposed to
10 revoking the driver's license of a person convicted of a drug offense if the offense does not
11 involve the operation of a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature will continue its efforts in
13 drug abuse education and enforcement programs and will commit its limited resources to
14 programs that, based on experience in Alaska, have a reasonable chance of reducing drug
15 abuse; and be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governor is respectfully requested to certify the
17 Governor's opposition to adoption of legislation requiring revocation of the driver's license
18 of a person convicted of a drug offense.