

H/B - 533

SECOND SESSION / NINTH STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL NO.

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SUBSTANCE OF BILL: Requires municipality having a property tax on motor vehicles to issue a certificate of payment therefor when taxes are paid, and requires presentation of the certificate as a condition to registering a motor vehicle (including annual renewal of registration).

BACKGROUND OF BILL: Sponsored by Rep. Helen Beine to assist municipalities (now principally Anchorage) to collect significant, but presently 'lost' revenues due to lack of enforcement which the license plate tie-in would here provide.

RECOMMENDATION: Do pass if following considerations are adequately addressed:

1. Can a person be taxed for a vehicle he doesn't own (see other provisions in AS 28.10 relating to Title and Registration, and to Transfer of ownership, Liens, etc.)?
2. Are there constitutional problems in the potential for disallowing use of an automobile and therefore potential loss of livelihood?
3. Presently the public very often misunderstands the registrations requirements (e.g., sending of cash, other problems); will this only add to the confusion?
4. If Alyeska registers 500 vehicles at an Anchorage office but does not use them in Anchorage, are they to be taxed on basis of Anch.? Juneau? Fbks? if at all?
5. Mobile homes not subject to the tax since not operated on highways? (thousands of such)
6. Effective date? DMV estimates a year is needed to gear-up and that \$50,000 to \$100,000 is needed for programming. Must DMV be aware of all municipalities tax laws?
7. What is affect of such a program going to have on the public/the municipality taxation procedures/DMV in light of the anticipated Staggered registration program?
8. Would program proposed in bill wipe-out convenience of mail-in registrations or unduly inconvenience it with multiple and cross-mailings and potential loss of documents?

Alternative (?): let DMV provide municipalities with areal-registration lists and let them enforce tax collection on own. They can impose liens against nonpaying 'vehicles' in same manner as IRS.

ASSIGNED TO:

Dennis Robertson

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Date: 5 Feb 76

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