

HB

744

STATE OF ALASKA  
THE LEGISLATURE

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House Transportation:

2/16/87

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# Alaska State Legislature



## *House of Representatives*

### *Committee on Transportation*

Rep. Bette Cato, Chairman

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State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
(907) 465-4858

February 16, 1987

FOR TODAY'S MEETING YOU HAVE:

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A FOLDER ON HB 74 THAT INCLUDES:

- \* a copy of HB 74
- \* a bill analysis from Rep. Sund
- \* a fiscal note
- \* a position paper from the Dept. of Public Safety
- \* a copy of the House Committee Report from the State Affairs Committee
- \* a current status report
- \* an excerpt from the Alaska State Statutes

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February 27, 1987

FOR TODAY'S MEETING YOU HAVE:

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- \* the committee substitute for HB 74
- \* a copy of HB 74
- \* a current status report on HB 74
- \* the committee minutes from February 16th
- \* a summary of HB 74 from Rep. Sund
- \* a fiscal note from the Dept. of Public Safety
- \* a position paper from the Dept. of Public Safety
- \* a House Committee Report from State Affairs
- \* an excerpt from the state statutes

A FILE ON HB 94 THAT INCLUDES:

- \* a copy of HB 94
- \* a current status report on HB 94
- \* the committee minutes from February 11th
- \* a bill analysis from the Dept of Health & Social Services
- \* fatality statistics from the Coast Guard
- \* a report on HB 94 from the Coast Guard
- \* support information from House Research and the U. S. Coast Guard

A FILE ON HB 118 THAT INCLUDES:

- \* a copy of HB 118
- \* a current status report on 118
- \* a memorandum from Rep. Shultz
- \* a fiscal note from the Dept. of Natural Resources
- \* a position paper from the Dept. of Natural Resources

Original sponsors: Sund, Gruenberg,  
Taylor and Donley

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 74 (Transportation)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to motorcycle license plates."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 28.10.181(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) Special request plates. Upon application by the owner of a  
10 passenger vehicle, noncommercial van or pick-up truck, or motor home,  
11 the department may design and issue registration plates containing a  
12 series of not more than six letters or numbers or combination of  
13 letters and numbers as requested by the owner. Upon application by  
14 the owner of a motorcycle, the department may design and issue regis-  
15 tration plates containing a series of not more than four letters or  
16 numbers or combination of letters and numbers as requested by the  
17 owner. The department may, in its discretion, disapprove the issuance  
18 of registration plates under this subsection when the requested  
19 symbols are a duplication of an existing registration or when the  
20 symbols are considered unacceptable by the department.  
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**JOHN SUND, REPRESENTATIVE**

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*While in Juneau*  
P. O. Box V  
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To: Representative Cato  
Chair, House Transportation Committee

From: Representative Sund

Date: February 9, 1987

Subj: House Bill 74  
Personalized Motorcycle License Plates  
Scheduling Request

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House Bill 74 would allow motorcycle owners to obtain personalized license plates. Car, truck and motor home owners already have this option. House Bill 74 simply adds motorcycles to the already established program.

Currently, the state charges an additional \$30 license fee for personalized plates above the standard \$35 fee for cars and motor homes and the \$40 license fee for trucks and vans. The rate for motorcycle license fees is \$20.

Allowing motorcycles owners to obtain personalized license plates would generate additional revenue to the state. Please see the attached fiscal analysis.

I would appreciate it if you could schedule HB 74 sometime in the near future.

**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE**

**REQUEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Version: HB 74

Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affected: Public Safety

Title: An Act relating to motorcycle

BRU: Motor Vehicles

license plates.

Sponsor: Sund

Components: Vehicle Services

Requestor: House State Affairs

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>.8</b>	<b>.2</b>	<b>.2</b>	<b>.2</b>	<b>.2</b>

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REVENUE	-0-	7.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
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**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND		.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS :** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See page 2.

Prepared by: Bill Brown

Phone: 465-4335

Division: Motor Vehicles

Date: 1-28-87

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]

Date: 1/29/87

Agency: Public Safety

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)
- Senate Secretary

JWR  
1/29/87

# CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. HB 74

## EXPENDITURES:

Contractual		
License Plates @ \$2.50 x 250		.6
Postage @ \$.76 x 250		<u>.2</u>
	Total	.8

After the original impact of 250 personalized motorcycle license plates the first year, it is estimated there will be 50 such plates issued in FY89 and subsequent years.

## REVENUES:

FY88 is based on issuance of 250 personalized motorcycle license plates at cost to owner of \$30 per plate.

FY89 and subsequent years based on issuance of 50 new personalized motorcycle license plates per year.

## INFORMATION:

As a result of the FY88 budget decrement the Division of Motor Vehicles may discontinue issuing personalized license plates as of July 1, 1987.

It is realized there will be few requests for personalized motorcycle plates. However, if the position in the Special Programs Unit of DMV, which now issues personalized plates, is not funded in the operating budget it is the intent of the department to not issue any personalized license plates under AS 28.10.181(c), including motorcycles.

The department feels it would not be appropriate to request funding in this fiscal note for a part-time position so personalized plates could be issued only to motorcycle owners if we discontinue issuing such plates to the other classes of vehicles that are now eligible. It is also felt it would be inappropriate to request funding in this fiscal note to reestablish a position that may be deleted in the operating budget when the majority of the position's duties are not affected by this bill.

BILL NO: HB 74

DATE: January 30, 1987

TITLE: An Act relating to  
motorcycle license plates

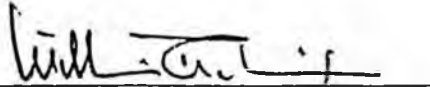
CONTACT: Bill Brown  
465-4335

Current law authorizes the issuance of personalized (vanity) license plates for use on passenger vehicles, noncommercial vans or pickup trucks, and motor homes. This bill includes motorcycles as a type of vehicle for which the department may issue personalized plates.

The inclusion of motorcycles as a class of vehicle that would be eligible for a personalized license plate would have a slight impact on the department. Special plates do require extra processing and handling, thus take considerable more time when originally applied for than a regular registration.

As a result of the FY88 budget decrement the Division of Motor Vehicles may discontinue issuing personalized license plates as of July 1, 1987. It is realized there will be few requests for personalized motorcycle plates. However, if the position in the Special Program Unit of DMV, which now issues personalized plates, is not funded in the operating budget it is the intent of the department to not issue any personalized license plates under AS 28.10.181(c), including motorcycles.

The department is opposed to this bill because it is felt that a time when we are cutting positions and functions is not the time to be adding additional duties.



William R. Nix  
Acting Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 1/23/87

FURTHER REFERRALS: Transportation

DATE: 2-6-87

The State Affairs Committee has considered HB 74

"An Act relating to motor license plates."

**RECOMMENDS:**

- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title
- attached amendment(s)  a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**ADOPTS:**  \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

**ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

- fiscal impact  same as previous fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_
- zero fiscal note  same as previous zero fiscal note published \_\_\_\_\_
- zero with analysis

**SIGNING DO PASS:**

*Sam McInerney* (I wish it was 7 LETTERS)

*[Signature]*

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*Terry Martin*

*Cliff Davidson*

*Dee Douley*

**SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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*[Signature]*  
Chairman's signature

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

### DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

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February 3, 1987

The Honorable John Sund  
Alaska State Legislature  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Sund:

Enclosed is a draft of a fiscal note which the department will submit for the proposed House State Affairs committee substitute to HB 74, which changes the number of digits authorized on a personalized license plate from six to seven.

The division has turned down several requests in the past for seven digit plates. Thus, it is felt there would be a large influx the first year, and a new position would be requested to handle that increase. I would again like to emphasize it is currently our intent to discontinue issuing personalized license plates on July 1, 1987, because of necessary budget cuts. This would apply even if the amended version were to pass with the new position. The one position could not handle the increase, plus the current workload.

Our main priority must be to provide the basic services to the public at our field offices, rather than providing non-essential services to a select few. This is the reason the position who currently handles personalized license plates was cut rather than a position who works the counter in a field office.

An item which was brought to my attention today is that a motorcycle license plate with six digits, let alone seven, would take away part of the basic purpose of a license plate, which is to provide identification of a vehicle from a distance. The motorcycle license plate is considerably smaller than a regular license plate, thus it was felt a maximum of four or five digits, preferably four, should be allowed for these plates.

If you have any questions, or I can be of any other assistance, let me know.

Sincerely,



Bill Brown  
Chief of Driver Services

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cc: The Honorable Fran Ulmer -  
Chairman, House State Affairs

**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE**

**DRAFT<sup>2</sup>**

Bill Version: Proposed CS HB 74 (SA)  
Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: An Act relating to motorcycle  
license plates.  
Sponsor: Sund  
Requestor: Sund

Agency Affected: Public Safety  
BRU: Motor Vehicles  
Components: Vehicle Services

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		31.4	16.0	16.5	17.0	17.5
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		60.8	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3
SUPPLIES		.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		<b>92.3</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>21.9</b>

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REVENUE		157.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5
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**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND		92.3	20.1	20.7	21.3	21.9
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>92.3</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>21.9</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME		1				
PART-TIME			1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)**

See Page 2.

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2/3/87 Prepared by: Bill Brown Phone: 465-4335  
Division: Motor Vehicles Date: 2-3-87

Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: Public Safety

Distribution (by preparer):  
Legislative Finance  
Legislative Sponsor  
Requestor  
Office of Management and Budget  
Impacted Agency(ies)  
Senate Secretary

# CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. PROPOSED CSHB 74 (SA)

DRAFT

EXPENDITURES:

Personal Services

One Motor Vehicle Rep III, Anchorage (full time first year, part time second and subsequent years)	31.4	31.4
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Contractual

Data Processing changes	25.0*	
License Plates 5,000 @ \$5.00	25.0	
250 @ \$2.50 (m/c)	.6	
Postage 5,000 plates @ 1.75 per set	8.8	
250 plates @ \$.76 per plate	.2	
General correspondence		
2,625 @ \$.22	.8	
Printing Temporary registrations		
5,250 x .07	.4	
	Total 60.8	60.8

Commodities

Normal Office Supplies	.1	
		.1
		Total 92.3

\*One time charge

REVENUES:

FY88 is based on issuance of 5,000 regular personalized license plates with 7 digits, and 250 motorcycle personalized license plates at the cost to the owner of \$30.00 per application.

FY89 and subsequent years based on issuance of 500 regular personalized license plates, over and above the current trend, and 50 new motorcycle personalized license plates per year.

INFORMATION:

This fiscal note reflects what the increased cost would be to issue personalized license plates to motorcycles, and increase the number of digits on personalized plates from six to seven.

The position in the Special Programs Unit of DMV which now handles personalized plates is not funded in the FY88 operating budget due to the required decrement. The new position requested in this fiscal note would not be able to handle the increase, plus current workload of the deleted position.

Therefore, it is the current intent of the department to not hire the position requested in this fiscal note, and to discontinue issuing personalized license plates on July 1, 1987.

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 2/9/87

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: February 27, 1987

The Transportation Committee has considered HB 74

"An Act relating to motorcycle license plates."

### RECOMMENDS:

- replace with Committee Substitute HB 74       the same title  
 attached amendment(s)       a new title
- do pass  
 do not pass  
 no recommendation  
 individual recommendations  
 additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**ADOPTS:**     \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

### ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact       same as previous fiscal note  
 zero fiscal note      published 1/29/87  
 zero with analysis       same as previous zero fiscal  
note published \_\_\_\_\_

### SIGNING DO PASS:

Butte Otto  
Bill Hurd  
Wm. H. ...  
Ed. A. ...

### SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Butte Otto  
Chairman's signature





Official Business

## COMMITTEE:

House Transportation Committee

**DATE:** February 27, 1987

# SIGN-IN

## Subject of meeting:

HB 74: "An Act relating to motorcycle license plates."

HB 94: "An Act relating to boat numbering, accidents, and safety; and providing for an effective date."

HB 118: "An Act relating to decisions on right-of-way lease applications."

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	REPRESENTING	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?	
John Manning	Health & Social Services Planner P.O. BOX 11-060 Juneau, 99811	465-3141	EMS / DPH / DASS	Yes (HB94)	94A
Elliot Lipson	9001 Long Run Dr. Juneau 99801 Vice President, Operations	989-0989	self	no	
HAROLD MOLES	213KS AK 1001 NOBLE Suite 240 99701	456-876	Northwest ALASKAN Pipeline	HB 118 yes	118 118
GRETCHEN DEER	Special Assistant to the Commissioner P.O. Box N, Juneau, AK 99811	465-4300	Public Safety	HB 94 yes	94
DML WALSHROW	612 Willowglen Ave Juneau 99801	586-7349	USCG	HB 94 yes	94 *
M.A. CONWAY	P.O. Box 3-5000, Juneau, AK 99802	586-7197	USCG	NO	
G.M. HARBEN	CCGD 17 (S)	586-7471	USCG	HB 94 if needed	94
Bill Brown	P.O. Box N	465-4335	DMV	Any w/ questions HB 94	74 *
Kip Shultz	AK State Legislature	465-4940	sponsor of HB 118		

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

### DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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February 19, 1987

The Honorable Bette Cato  
Chairman - House Transportation  
Alaska State Legislative  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Cato:

During the hearing on HB 74 on February 16, 1987, you requested some data concerning the number of license plates DMV issues for no fee and to charitable organizations. The last year for which these figures are currently available is calendar year 1985.


The no fee plates are as follows:

Handicapped	978
Disabled	70
Amateur Radio Op.	365
Prisoner of War	28
Senior Citizen	8,821

The number of charitable organization plates, which includes churches and non-profit organizations, was 2,472. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for these vehicles.

If I can be of any further assistance let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Brown  
Chief of Driver Services

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