

HB

74

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER:

TRANSPORTATION
Finance

3/26/87

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE 3/15/88

Mr. President:

STATE AFFAIRS

Committee considered CSHB 74(Trsp)am

motor vehicle registration and license plates.

and recommended:

replace with SCS FOR CSHB 74(SA)) same title
 or adopt _____) new title

attached amendment(s) and

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

letter of intent adopted _____

Committee attached or adopted fiscal note(s)

new updated or previous

zero fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

Riddle (DO PASS)

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Lawrence (Ab/Re)

Donna Wood De Pass
Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup Attached

A M E N D M E N T

Offered in the SENATE

By Kelly

TO: CSHB 74 (Transportation) am

Page 2, after line 2:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* Sec. 3. AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(n) Special request Winter Olympics commemorative plates. The department shall issue registration plates commemorating the Winter Olympics upon application by the owner of a passenger vehicle, noncommercial van or pick-up truck, or motor home.

* Sec. 4. AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(14) special request Winter Olympics commemorative plates
.....\$70
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b)(1) or (2) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of special request plates; the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the Alaska Winter Olympics account under AS 05.35.100.

* Sec. 5. AS 28.10.421 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) In addition to the fees imposed under (b) and (d) of this section, the following special annual registration fee is imposed upon

renewal of registration for a passenger vehicle, motor home, pick-up truck, or a van with special request Winter Olympics commemorative plates.....\$30;
the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this subsection and the legislature may appropriate money in the account as provided in (d)(14) of this section.

* Sec. 6. The Department of Public Safety shall issue the special request Winter Olympics commemorative license plates described in AS 28.10.181(n), enacted in sec. 3 of this Act, based on a design received from the Anchorage organizing committee that is approved by the department."

A M E N D M E N T

Offered in the SENATE

By Kelly

TO: CSHB 74 (Transportation) am

Page 1, line 7, after "plates":

Insert "; and providing for an effective date"

Page 1, after line 8:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* Section 1. AS 28.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 28.10.165. SOUVENIR WINTER OLYMPICS PLATE. The department may issue a souvenir Winter Olympics commemorative license plate. A person may not attach a souvenir plate to a motor vehicle in the manner described in AS 28.10.171 for attachment of registration plates. The department shall charge a fee of \$30 for each plate issued under this section. The commissioner of administration shall separately account for fees received under this section that the department deposits in the general fund. The legislature may appropriate the annual estimated balance in the account to the Alaska Winter Olympics account established under AS 05.35.100.

* Sec. 2. AS 28.10.165 is repealed and reenacted to read:

Sec. 28.10.165. SOUVENIR WINTER OLYMPICS PLATE. The department may issue a souvenir Winter Olympics commemorative license plate. A person may not attach a souvenir plate to a motor vehicle in the manner described in AS 28.10.171 for attachment of registration

plates. The department shall charge a fee of \$30 for each plate issued under this section. The commissioner of administration shall separately account for fees received under this section that the department deposits in the general fund. The legislature may appropriate the annual estimated balance in the account to the Alaska sports fund established under AS 05.35.150."

Page 1, line 9:

Delete "* Section 1."

Insert "* Sec. 3."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 2, after line 2:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* Sec. 5. AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(n) Special request Winter Olympics commemorative plates. The department shall issue registration plates commemorating the Winter Olympics upon application by the owner of a passenger vehicle, noncommercial van or pick-up truck, or motor home.

* Sec. 6. AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(14) special request Winter Olympics commemorative plates
.....\$70
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b)(1) or (2) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of special request plates;

the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the Alaska Winter Olympics account established under AS 05.35.100.

* Sec. 7. AS 28.10.421(d)(14) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(14) special request Winter Olympics commemorative plates
.....\$70
plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b)(1) or (2) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of special request plates; the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the Alaska sports fund established under AS 05.35.150.

* Sec. 8. AS 28.10.421 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) In addition to the fees imposed under (b) and (d) of this section, the following special annual registration fee is imposed upon renewal of registration for a passenger vehicle, motor home, pick-up truck, or a van with special request Winter Olympics commemorative plates.....\$30;
the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this subsection that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the Alaska Winter Olympics account

established under AS 05.35.100.

* Sec. 9. AS 28.10.421(f) is repealed and reenacted to read:

(f) In addition to the fees imposed under (b) and (d) of this section, the following special annual registration fee is imposed upon renewal of registration for a passenger vehicle, motor home, pick-up truck, or a van with special request Winter Olympics commemorative plates.....\$30; the commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under this subsection that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the Alaska sports fund established under AS 05.35.150.

* Sec. 10. The Department of Public Safety shall issue the Winter Olympics souvenir license plate described in AS 28.10.165, enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, and the special request Winter Olympics commemorative license plates described in AS 28.10.181(n), enacted in sec. 5 of this Act, based on a design received from the Anchorage organizing committee that is approved by the department.

* Sec. 11. Sections 2, 7, and 9 of this Act take effect on the effective date of an Act enacted by the Fifteenth Alaska State Legislature that establishes the Alaska sports fund."

Analysis of proposed amendment to CSHB 74.

Purpose of the amendment: to allow for the development and sale of winter Olympic commemorative license plates and souvenir plates, from which the sales proceeds will go to the promotion and development of Alaskan athletes and winter sports in Alaska.

Sections 1 and 2 allows for the development and sale of a souvenir winter Olympic commemorative license plate which may not be affixed to a vehicle. The cost of the plate will be \$30.00 and will be separately accounted for by the commissioner of administration.

Section 5 allows for the issuance of winter Olympics commemorative plates by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Sections 6 and 7 provides that the winter Olympics commemorative plate will be \$70.00 plus the regular registration fee for the motor vehicle to which it will be affixed (\$35 for a car and \$40 for a truck). It also states that the receipts from the sales of these plates will be separately accounted for by the commissioner of administration.

Sections 8 and 9 provides that renewal of the special commemorative plates will be \$30.00 plus regular registration costs. Again the receipts will be separately accounted for in the general fund.

Section 10 provides that the costs associated with designing the special commemorative plates will be paid for by the Anchorage Organizing Committee and that the Director of Motor Vehicles will have final authority in the design and issuance of the plates.

Sections 1, 5 and 6 all provide that the legislature may appropriate the receipts from the sales of the special commemorative plates to the Alaska Sports Fund, which is designed to promote and develop Alaskan athletes and sports in Alaska.

LETTER OF INTENT

It is the intent of the legislature that the costs associated with the production and shipping of the special request Winter Olympic commemorative license plates and special request Winter Olympic commemorative souvenir license plates be established and subtracted from the proceeds of the sales of those plates before the legislature appropriates the surplus revenues to the Alaska Sports Fund.

JOHN SUND, REPRESENTATIVE
2504 2nd Avenue
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 225-5552

*While in Juneau
P. O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811
(907) 465-4919*

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Senator Abood
Chairman, Senate State Affairs Committee

From: Representative John Sund

Date: March 12, 1988

Subj: HB 74
"An Act relating to motor vehicle registration and
license plates."

The personalized license plate program generates some \$45,000 into the state's general fund. Extending the program to include motorcycle plates would generate an additional \$7,000.

As originally drafted, House Bill 74 simply added motorcycles to the list of vehicles eligible for vanity license plates.

In response to the Department of Public Safety's decision to discontinue the entire program last year, the House passed an amendment by Representative Mike Miller to make the program mandatory rather than discretionary. Floor discussion focused on the issue that agencies should not discontinue revenue generating programs simply because the funds from those programs are sent to the general fund and not directly to the agency.

Currently, the state charges an additional \$30 license fee for personalized plates above the standard license plate fee.

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 1-20-88
Title: An Act relating to motor vehicle registration and license plates.
Sponsor: Sund
Requestor: Senate State Affairs

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

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES		32.6	33.6	34.6	35.6	36.7
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		1.2	.2	.2	.2	.2
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	33.8	33.8	34.8	35.8	36.9

CAPITAL						
---------	--	--	--	--	--	--

REVENUE	-0-	7.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
---------	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		33.8	33.8	34.8	35.8	36.9
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	33.8	33.8	34.8	35.8	36.9

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The current DMV Special Program Unit, which issues personalized plates, is not funded in the FY88 or FY89 operating budget. Since the House amendment changed "may" to "shall", DMV will be required to continue to issue these plates, and funding for the position is included in this fiscal note.

Prepared by: Jay N. Dulany Phone: 269-5551
Division: Motor Vehicles Date: 1-20-88

Approved by Commissioner: Wayne A. Hertel Date: 1-22-88
Agency: Public Safety

Distribution (by preparer):

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

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB74(Trans)am

EXPENDITURES:

Personal Services	
MVR III, Anchorage, Range 10B	32.6
Contractual	
Motorcycle Plates @ \$2.50 x 250	.6
Postage @ \$.76 x 250	.2
Specialized Plates @ \$5.00 x 50*	.3
Postage @ \$1.76 x 23	.1
	<u>33.8</u>
TOTAL	33.8

After the original impact of 250 personalized motorcycle license plates and 23 specialized plates the first year, it is estimated there will be 50 motorcycle plates and 5 specialized plates issued in FY90 and subsequent years. When the fiscal note was originally prepared we had to estimate the number of Pearl Harbor survivors in the State. We have been informed by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association there are 23 survivors in Alaska. Thus, this fiscal note has been revised accordingly.

* License plates are obtained in multiples of 50.

REVENUE:

Motorcycle Plates @ \$30 x 250	7.5
Specialized Plates @ (\$30 x 10)	(.4)

FY89 is based on issuance of 250 personalized motorcycle license plates at a cost to the owner of \$30 per plate. The revenue loss is based on registration fees that would not be collected on specialized plates for Pearl Harbor survivors. All Pearl Harbor survivors are over 65 years of age, therefore, currently eligible to register one vehicle without payment of registration fee or municipal registration tax. It is estimated 10 of the survivors have an additional vehicle for which they are currently paying the fee and tax, and for which this bill will exempt them from paying.

FY90 and subsequent years is based on issuance of 50 new motorcycle license plates per year, \$1.5. The revenue loss would remain fairly stable on the specialized plates.

INFORMATION:

As a result of the FY88 budget decrement, the position that processes personalized license plates applications was deleted as of July 1, 1987. The amendment adopted on the House floor changed the word "may" to "shall". Therefore, the Division would be required to continue issuing these plates and funding to restore the position is included in this fiscal note.

06-12-04-04-00 (12-55-7-07-01-04)

STATE OF ALASKA -- COMPONENT BUDGET ANALYSIS

SALSFRMA 16:33 5/27/87
LEG. FIN.

AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
CATEGORY: PUBLIC PROTECTION

PROGRAM: MOTOR VEHICLES
SUB-PROGRAM: ADMINISTRATION

***** C. C. ANALYSIS *****

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:
IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM BE CONTINUED.

***** SEN REV ANALYSIS *****

***** HOUSE ANALYSIS *****

THE HOUSE COLUMN RESTORES PROGRAM RECEIPTS BY \$29.6 AND REDUCES GF BY THE SAME AMOUNT.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT:
IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM BE CONTINUED.

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

Bill Version: CSHB 74 (Trans)
Publish Date: _____

Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act relating to motorcycle license plates.
Sponsor: Sund
Requestor: House Finance

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						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	.8	.2	.2	.2	.2

CAPITAL						
---------	--	--	--	--	--	--

REVENUE		7.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
---------	--	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		.8	.2	.2	.2	.2
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See page 2.

Prepared by: Bill Brown
Division: Motor Vehicles

Phone: 465-4335
Date: 3-5-87

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]
Agency: Public Safety

Date: 3/5/87

Distribution (by preparer):

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

JWR
3/4/87

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 74 (Trans)

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.

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 74(Trans)am

EXPENDITURES:

Personal Services	
MVR III, Anc'rage, incumbent, 10D	36.5
Contractual	
Motorcycle Plates @ \$2.50 x 250	.6
Postage @ \$.76 x 250	.2
Specialized Plates @ \$5.00 x 200	1.0
Postage @ \$1.76 x 200	.4
	<hr/>
TOTAL	38.7

After the original impact of 250 personalized motorcycle license plates and 200 specialized plates the first year, it is estimated there will be 50 motorcycle plates and 20 specialized plates issued in FY89 and subsequent years.

REVENUES:

Motorcycle Plates @ \$30 x 250	7.5
Specialized Plates @ (\$35 x 200)	(7.0)

FY88 is based on issuance of 250 personalized motorcycle license plates at the cost to owner of \$30 per plate. Revenue loss is based on registration fees that would not be collected on Specialized plates for 200 vehicles at \$35 per vehicle. An assumption is made the Pearl Harbor survivor plates would be no fee.

FY89 and subsequent years based on issuance of 50 new motorcycle license plates per year, \$1.5. Revenue loss would remain the same on the Specialized plates, (\$7.0), again assuming they will be no fee.

INFORMATION:

As a result of the FY88 budget decrement, the Division of Motor Vehicles plans to discontinue issuing personalized license plates as of July 1, 1987. The amendment adopted on the House floor changed the word "may" to "shall". Therefore, the division would be required to continue issuing these plates, and funding for the current position is included in this fiscal note.

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, it was the intent of the department to not issue any personalized license plates under AS 28.10.181(c), including motorcycles. Since the House amendment mandates issuance of the plates, funding is requested to retain the position.

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: CSHB 74 (Trans)am
Publish Date: _____

REQUEST: _____

Revision Date: _____
Title: An Act relating to motor vehicle registration and license plates
Sponsor: Sund
Requestor: House Finance

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

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		36.5	37.6	38.7	39.9	41.1
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL		2.2	.3	.3	.3	.3
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	38.7	37.9	39.0	40.2	41.4

CAPITAL						
---------	--	--	--	--	--	--

REVENUE		.5	(5.5)	(5.5)	(5.5)	(5.5)
---------	--	----	-------	-------	-------	-------

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-0-	38.7	37.9	39.0	40.2	41.4
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	38.7	37.9	39.0	40.2	41.4

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The current DMV Special Program Unit which issues personalized plates is not funded in the FY88 operating budget. Since the House amendment changed "may" to "shall", DMV will be required to continue to issue these plates and funding for the current position is included in this fiscal note.

Prepared by: Charles R. Hosack Phone: 269-5551
Division: Motor Vehicles Date: 4-2-87
Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: 4/2/87
Agency: Public Safety

Distribution (by preparer):

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



1970 issue



Current plate ↑

Dear Mitch:

2 Copies F.V.I.

~~17 States are now honoring Pearl Harbor Survivors
with individual license plates.~~

Please!

Paul Paulsen
State Chairman, Alaska

RECEIVED
FEB 8 1988

Pearl Harbor Gram July 1987!

NEW SECTION ADDED TO BILL

Substitute Senate Bill No. 5136

State of Washington, 50th Legislature, 1987 Regular Session by Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Owen, Bender, Warnke, Conner, Stratton and Garrett)

Read first time 1/29/87.

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle license plates; and adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW to read as follows:

(1) A resident of this state may, in addition to the application required by RCW 46.16.040, apply to the department for a set of license plates designed by the department to indicate that the recipient of the plates is a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor if he or she:

(a) Was a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7, 1941;

(b) Was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii

tance not to exceed three miles;

(c) Received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces; and

(d) Is certified by a Washington state chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association as satisfying the qualifications in (b) of this subsection.

(2) The plates shall be issued upon payment of the regular license fee and furnishing of proof satisfactory to the department that the recipient fulfills the requirements provided by subsection (1) of this section. Only one motor vehicle owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time.

(3) If the license plates issued pursuant to this section are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be issued replacement plates upon request and without charge.

(4) The plate shall remain with the recipient upon transfer or other disposition of the vehicle, and may be used on another motor vehicle registered to the recipient in accordance with the provisions of RCW 46.16.595 for such transfers.

Signed by Gov
1420 Hrs, 14 April 1987

1st Plane Shot Down

By Cpl. Steve Spanovich, 295576

Was this the first Japanese airplane to be shot down during the attack on Pearl Harbor and if so, who claimed the kill?

As I remember it, only a few people were witness to the crash of the Japanese airplane that was shot down and crashed onto the grounds of the U.S. Naval Hospital. It was shot down a few minutes after the attack began and could have been the first enemy aircraft destroyed on Dec. 7, 1941. As an eye witness to the incident, this is how it happened as I remember it.

I was a patient in "J" ward (one of the single-story wards across the street from the main hospital building). On the morning of Dec. 7, several of us "up" patients were sitting on the sunporch reading the Sunday newspaper and discussing the possibility of walking over to the slop-chute at the Marine barracks in the afternoon for a pitcher of beer.

As I was serving with the 1st Defense Battalion, I was looking forward to visiting with some of my friends. The "up" patients who planned to go with me were from the sub base.

We never bothered to look up from reading the newspaper when we heard the first airplane

coming in with what seem like a power dive. As the sound of the engine became louder and louder, and finally ended in a thunderous crash, one of the sub-sailors commented that the pilot didn't pull out of his dive and crashed into the ground near by. But, after the sounds of another airplane, followed by the sounds of another doing the same thing, someone made the remark that they all couldn't be crashing onto the ground in broad daylight. We decided to get up and go outside to see what was going on.

As we gathered in the street in front of the main hospital building, some doctors and nurses came out of the entrance to stand on the steps near the flag pole.

About this time, we heard the approach of a low-flying airplane and we all looked up in time to see an airplane with large red balls painted on the underside of its wings, and a large torpedo hanging from the underside of the airplane itself. The nose of the torpedo was painted bright red.

As the aircraft passed almost directly above our flag pole and continued over some palm trees in the direction of the inner har-

(Continued on Page 38)

State of Virginia Authorizes Distinctive Auto Plates for Survivors

Late this summer or early fall, survivors in Virginia can have their autos easily identified.

In December of 1986, Robert B. Ball, Sr., representing the County of Henrico in the Virginia House of Delegates pre-filed a bill (House Bill #876) amending the Code of Virginia to provide that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles could issue "appropriately designed license plates identifying the vehicle as registered to a Pearl Harbor survivor." When the General Assembly convened on January 14, 1987, the bill was considered by the appropriate committees and on the floors of the House of Delegates and the Senate, passed both houses and was sent to the Governor. Signature by Governor Gerald Baliles on March 30, 1987, made the new law effective as of July 1, 1987.

The accompanying photograph shows the Governor affixing his signature in the presence of Delegate Ball and a representative delegation of PHSA members: (left to right) Max Green, Clark Martin, John Gunther and Brandon Perkins. The passage of the legislation was successful because of the support and efforts of the Virginia members in contacting their Delegates and Senators and urging their approval.

It is expected that the Com-

missioner of Motor Vehicles will approve the application process and the design of the license plate in June 1987 and the first plate will be issued in August. Effort is being made to have the PHSA logo appear on the plate, as authorized by the National Executive Board. The Division of Motor Vehicles has requested that applications be certified by the Virginia State Chairman; the language of the law replicates the qualifications for PHSA membership.

1987 SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 876

Offered January 14, 1987

Prefiled December 17, 1986

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.1-105.15, relating to special license plates for survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Patron-Ball

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.1-105.15 as follows:

§ 46.1-105.15. Special license plates for survivors of the attack



on Pearl Harbor. — A. Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the Commissioner and receipt of written evidence that the applicant is an honorably discharged former member of one of the armed forces of the United States and, while serving in the armed forces of the United States, was present during the attack on the island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, between the hours of 7:55 a.m. and 9:45 a.m., Hawaii time, the

Commissioner shall issue such applicant appropriate designed license plates identifying the vehicle as registered Pearl Harbor survivor. Issuance of such license plates shall be limited to passenger vehicles and pickup or panel trucks as defined in § 46.1-1

B. The Commissioner shall charge ten dollars plus the prescribed cost of state license plates for each set of plates issued under the provisions of this section.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

*Pearl Harbor Gram
July, 1987!*

Senator

*When is HB 74 scheduled?
TE-
see me pls
18 Dec 87*

Mitch Abcock,

I would like to ask your help in getting a bill amended and passed. Last year H.B. 74 was introduced; its purpose was to permit motorcycle owners to have custom or "vanity" license plates. The original bill allowed the motorcycle owner to have six characters (letters or numbers) for artistic expression. This is a reasonable number, as the current plates have six; indeed, Representative Menard of Wasilla remarked that even seven would be preferable.

The problem is that Bill Brown of DMV testified that the Department of Public Safety "recommended that the plates have four (characters)...because of their small size." (16 Feb 87, House Transportation Committee). On the same day, Representative Miller of North Pole rose to the bait, and made a motion that only four characters per plate be allowed. Committee Substitute H.B. 74 was thus created without the knowledge of, nor input from, the concerned public.

Let me argue the case for an amendment back to the original language permitting six characters per "vanity" plate.

First, please look at the enclosed Xerox of two plates; one is current, one is from 1970. Note that motorcycle plates have had six characters for the past seventeen years.

Second, four letters and numbers makes creativity difficult. Six would allow more artistic freedom, and would, therefore, be more in demand. To restrict the permutations would make the program less popular, and perhaps a money-loser rather than a money-maker for the State's coffers. (The Fiscal Note of 9 Feb 87

projects but a small net profit for the program).

Third, a restriction to only four characters means that duplication will be difficult to avoid; hence, a rider may be unable to get a desirable combination (such as HD74, an acronym for a popular bike, the Harley Davidson seventy-four cubic inch model).

Fourth, again, look at the Xerox of the 1987 plate. If six characters were used, then the fifth and sixth characters would replace the month&year stickers, and the miniscule $\frac{M}{K}$. The new letters or numbers need be no smaller than the current ones!

Fifth, the custom plate makes the motorcycle more recognizable. For example, my personal machine is an Italian make, a Ducati. The plate I want would say DUCATI ; instead of the random number gibberish, 8795 $\frac{M}{K}$. Ask yourself, which would be easier for a patrolman or witness to remember if I were to be seen leaving the scene of a crime, or, to be zapped with a radar gun? The answer is obvious.

As for the rest of the Bill, the Pearl Harbor Survivors plate, I have no objection.

I thank you for your time and for your cooperation in this small matter.

Yours,



Paul Stoddard

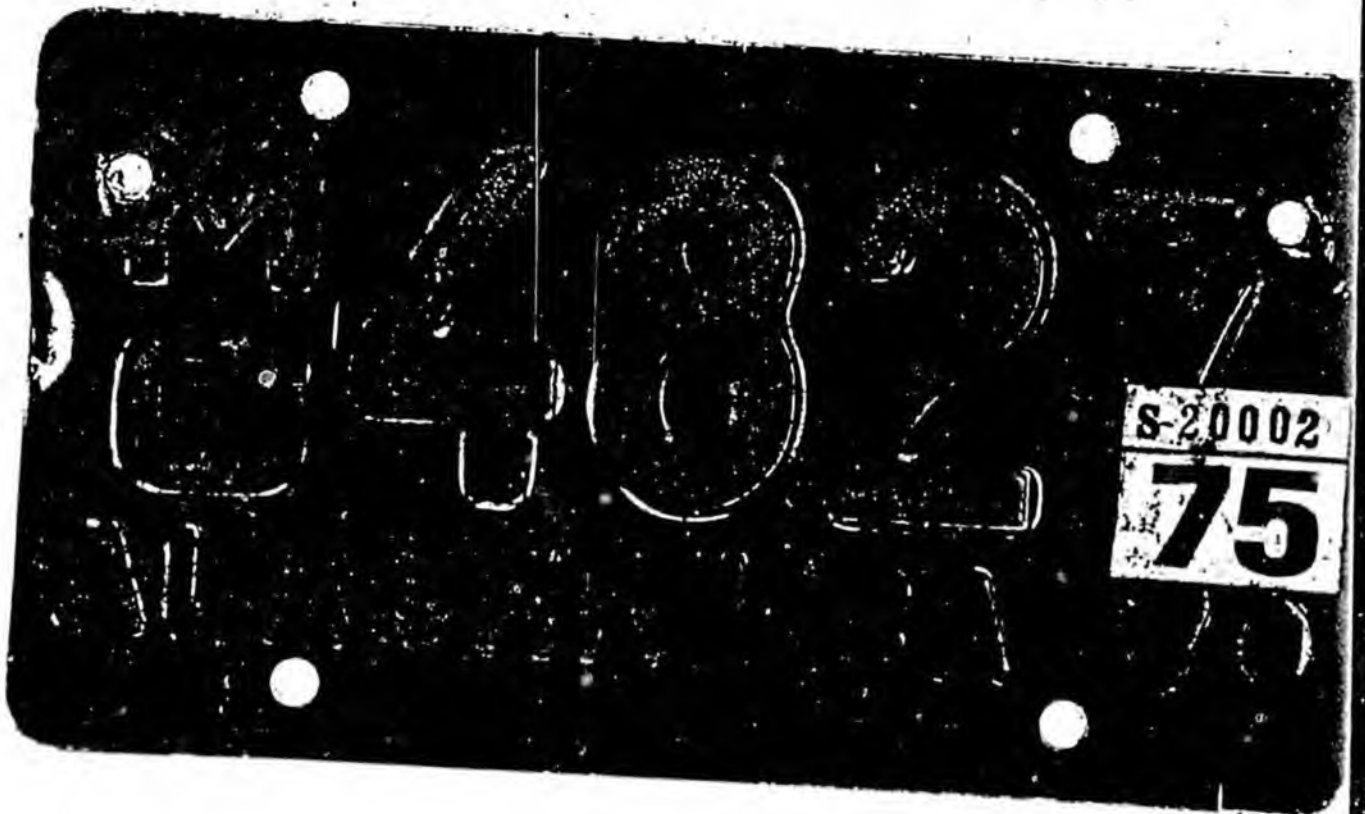
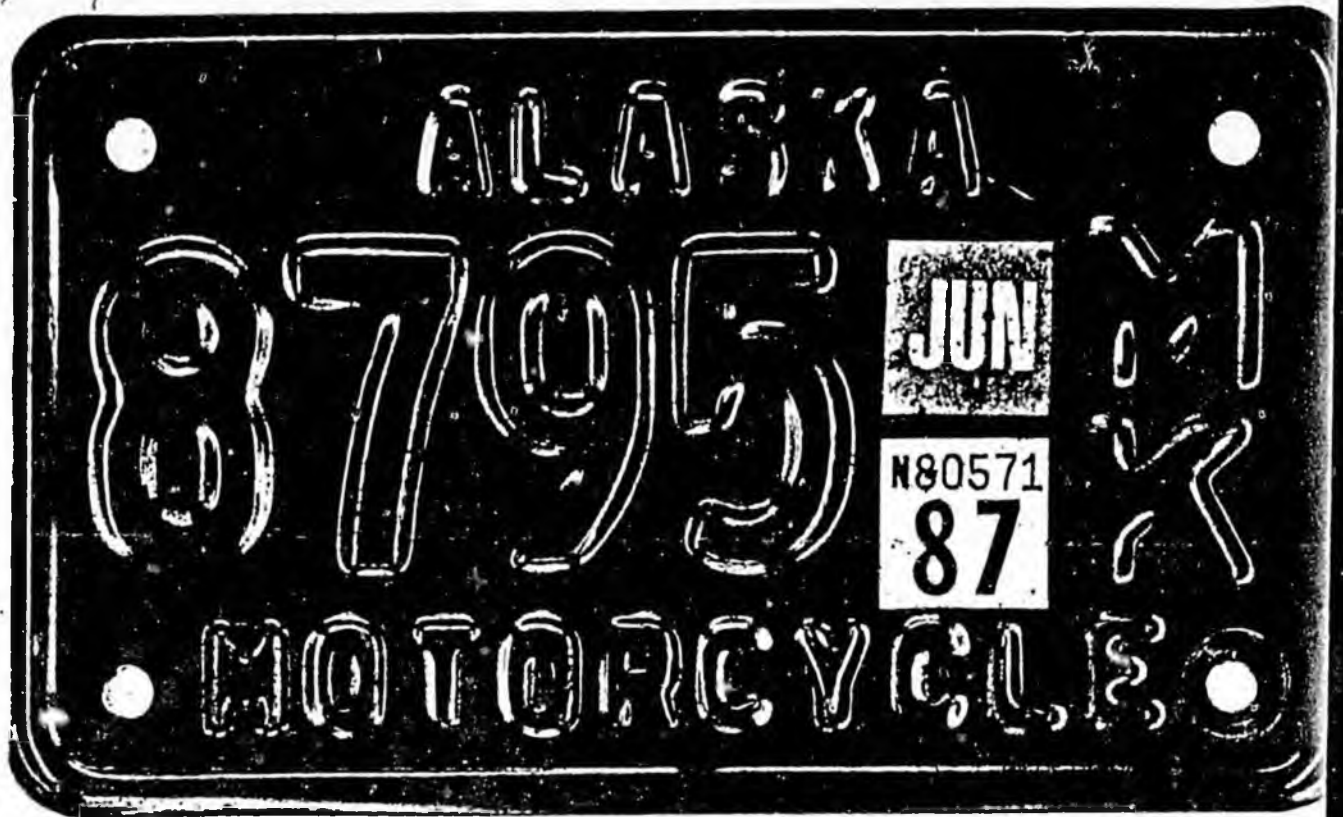
P.O. Box 916

Fairbanks, AK, 99707

*Copies to Uehling, Jones,
Coghill, Lauren Kamp, and
Fanning, also*

I apologize for the quality of the copies,

but
blue &
yellow
don't
xerox
too well!



State Affairs Committee
Transportation Committee

6 Apr 87

HB 74
RECEIVED
APR 21 1987

Senators,

I am writing you in regards to the Committee Substitute for House Bill #74, "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration and License Plates." These are the so-called "vanity plates."

The original bill called for a maximum of six letters (or numbers, in combination) on the plates. (Representative Martine suggested even seven digits.) The purpose of vanity plates is, obviously, to allow the citizen to "customize" his/her vehicle. The program of personalized plates is a break-even or net generator of revenue for the State, and, presents no enforcement check problem; re: testimony given by Mr. Brown of DMV, Home State Affairs Committee, 2 Feb 87.

My problem with CS HB 74 is this: the number of letters is now restricted to four. Mr. Brown (Chief of Drivers Services (?), Dept. of Public Safety, DMV) advocated only 4 letters on motorcycle plates "because of their small size." ; House Trans. Committee, 16 Feb 87. I am amazed that he could testify thusly, with a

2/2

Straight face! Motorcycle plates in Alaska
now have six letters & numbers in combination!
(Please look at the enclosed Xerox of my plates;
the current one is from my Ducati, the older one is
from a collection). Since at least as far back as
1970, the number has been six. The reason for
six digits is to allow a degree of artistic freedom,
without problems of duplication. The testimony of
one individual swayed the committee to substitute
four letters; please consider the motorcycling
community, the constituents directly impacted, want
six, as proposed in the original bill.

Thanks for your time,

Paul Stoddard

PO Box 916

Fairbanks

AK, 99707