

HB

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO: HB 290

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title: "An Act relating to motor vehicle license plates for ranchers, farmers, and dairymen" BRU: Motor Vehicles
 Component: Field Services
 Sponsor: Representative Green
 Requestor: (H) TRANS COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 2151

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES () Revenue Code	()	()	()	()	()	()
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)


1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY 98) impact: \$ _____

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.) This bill will allow corporations to register a vehicle using the farm and dairymen exemption. Currently farm vehicle registration fees are \$68.00 biennially. The fee for a corporation to register a vehicle is \$100 to \$400 biennially. This bill has the potential of loss of general fund revenue. DMV is not able to determine the loss of revenue as it is not determined how many vehicles will meet the exemption and qualify for farm vehicle status under this bill.

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Representative Joe Green
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Sponsor Statement

HB 290 - License plates for farmers, ranchers, and dairymen

HB 290 expands requirements in AS 28.10.181(h) to allow a person who does not live on the farm or ranch, but derives their primary source of income from the farm or ranch, to register certain vehicles as agricultural, as opposed to commercial.

HOUSE BILL NO. 290

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN BY REQUEST

Introduced: 1/12/98
Referred: Transportation

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to motor vehicle license plates for ranchers, farmers, and
2 dairymen."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 28.10.181(h) is amended to read:

5 (h) Vehicles owned by ranchers, farmers, and dairymen. A vehicle not exceeding
6 an unladen total gross weight of 16,000 pounds, owned by a person deriving the person's
7 primary source of income [LIVELIHOOD] from the operation of a ranch, farm, or dairy
8 where the person resides full-time, or at the principal place of business, and that [WHICH
9 VEHICLE] is used exclusively to transport the person's own ranch, farm, or dairy
10 products to and from the market or to transport supplies, commodities, or equipment to be
11 used on the person's ranch, farm, or dairy, may be registered under this subsection and
12 may be issued registration plates of a distinctive design or system of numbering. In this
13 subsection, "person" has the meaning given in AS 01.10.060.

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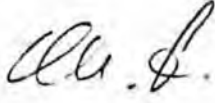
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MEMORANDUM

February 12, 1997

SUBJECT: Farm vehicle license plates - (Work Order No. 20-LS0567)

TO: Representative Joe Green
Attn: Kristy

FROM: Michael F. Ford 
Legislative Counsel

You have asked if a vehicle registered to a corporation or company would qualify for farm plates under AS 28.10.181. By registering as a commercial vehicle (either corporate or company) as opposed to registration to an individual, I believe you would not qualify for farm plates under existing law. Under AS 28.10.181, the person seeking the farm plates must "reside full-time" on the farm. The use of the term "person" in this context would indicate that "person" is limited to an individual and would not include a corporation or a company owned vehicle.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

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circumstances that are inconsistent with the intent required under (a) of this section to remain a resident of this state. (§ 1 ch 67 SLA 1983)

NOTES TO DECISIONS

Jurisdiction over divorce action. — This section does not affect the common-law rule that Alaska courts have jurisdiction over a divorce action when one of the parties is domiciled in Alaska, where

"domicile" is defined as physical presence plus an intent to remain permanently *Perito v. Perito*, 756 P2d 895 (Alaska 1988).

Sec. 01.10.060. Definitions. In the laws of the state, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (1) "action" includes any matter or proceeding in a court, civil or criminal;
- (2) "daytime" means the period between sunrise and sunset;
- (3) "month" means a calendar month unless otherwise expressed;
- (4) "municipality" means a political subdivision incorporated under the laws of the state that is a home rule or general law city, a home rule or general law borough, or a unified municipality;
- (5) "nighttime" means the period between sunset and sunrise;
- (6) "oath" includes affirmation or declaration;
- (7) "peace officer" means
 - (A) an officer of the state troopers;
 - (B) a member of the police force of a municipality;
 - (C) a village public safety officer;
 - (D) a United States marshal or deputy marshal; and
 - (E) an officer whose duty it is to enforce and preserve the public peace;
- (8) "person" includes a corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, organization, business trust, or society, as well as a natural person;
- (9) "personal property" includes money, goods, chattels, things in action, and evidences of debt;
- (10) "property" includes real and personal property;
- (11) "real property" is coextensive with land, tenements, and hereditaments;
- (12) "signature" or "subscription" includes the mark of a person who cannot write, with the name of that person written near the mark by a witness who writes the witness's own name near the name of the person who cannot write; but a signature or subscription by mark can be acknowledged or can serve as a signature or subscription to a sworn statement only when two witnesses so sign their own names to the sworn statement;
- (13) "state" means the State of Alaska unless applied to the different parts of the United States and in the latter case it includes the District of Columbia and the territories;
- (14) "writing" includes printing. (§ 4 ch 62 SLA 1962; am § 2 ch 66 SLA 1965; am § 10 ch 117 SLA 1968; am § 19 ch 74 SLA 1985; am § 1 ch 60 SLA 1990)

Revisor's notes. — Reorganized in 1985 to alphabetize the defined terms.

Cross references. — For additional definition of "peace officer", see AS 11.81.900(b); for listing of peace officers for purposes of the Fish and Game Code, see AS 16.05.150; for a definition of "police officer", see AS 18.65.290.

Effect of amendments. — The 1990 amendment rewrote paragraph (7).

Opinions of attorney general. — The statutory framework of the Alaska Statutes viewed as a whole contemplates that for any publicly employed law enforcement officer to be considered a peace officer within the meaning of present paragraph (7), he or she must be empowered with a full range of police duties and authority and must be currently function-

ing on essentially a full-time basis in that role. September 18, 1977, Op. Att'y Gen.

Law enforcement officers within the category "peace officers" as used in present paragraph (7) include, but are not limited to, state troopers, fish and wildlife protection officers and police officers employed by police departments of incorporated municipalities. September 18, 1977, Op. Att'y Gen.

Law enforcement officers with limited police authority with respect to specific statutes or ordinances are not police officers and are not necessarily peace officers either, at least within the meaning of present paragraph (7). September 18, 1977, Op. Att'y Gen.

Comparing the classification of "peace officer" in present paragraph (7) with that of "police officer", it is apparent that police officers, as defined in AS

Effective dates. — Section 4, ch 47, SLA 1996, which enacted this section, took effect on August 27, 1996

Chapter 10. Vehicle Registration and Title.

Article

1. Registration (§§ 28.10.011 — 28.10.181)
2. Title (§§ 28.10.201 — 28.10.261)
3. Transfer of Vehicle (§§ 28.10.271 — 28.10.361)
4. Filing Documents Evidencing Liens or Encumbrances (§§ 28.10.371 — 28.10.401)
5. Fees and Charges (§§ 28.10.411 — 28.10.441)
6. Registration and Title Violations (§§ 28.10.451 — 28.10.493)
7. General Provisions (§§ 28.10.495 — 28.10.661)

NOTES TO DECISIONS

Cited in *Newell v. National Bank*, 646 P.2d 224 (Alaska 1982); *Anderson v. Municipality of Anchorage*, 645 P.2d 205 (Alaska Ct. App. 1982).

Collateral references. — 7A Am. Jur. 2d, Automobiles and Highway Traffic, § 51 et seq.
60 C.J.S., Motor Vehicles, § 58 et seq.

Article 1. Registration.

Section

11. Vehicles subject to registration
21. Application for registration
31. Temporary permits
41. Grounds for refusing registration
51. Department may suspend or revoke registration
61. Registration of vehicles with altered or missing identification number
65. Custom collector vehicle registration and identification
71. Registration records and statistics; stolen vehicles
81. Issuance of certificate of registration; certificate to be signed, carried, and displayed
91. Lost or mutilated certificates of registration or registration plates

Section

108. Registration procedures
111. Renewal of registration
121. Vehicles of nonresidents
131. Vehicles previously registered in another jurisdiction
141. Interstate use of vehicles
146. Registration of interstate rental trucks
147. Registration of interstate rental trailers
151. Vehicles transported under special permits
161. Registration plates to be furnished by department
171. Display of registration plates
181. Registration of unique and special vehicles and vehicles used for special purposes

Sec. 28.10.010. Administration. [Repealed, § 7 ch 178 SLA 1978.]

Sec. 28.10.011. Vehicles subject to registration. Every vehicle driven, moved, or parked upon a highway or other public parking place in the state shall be registered under this chapter except when the vehicle is

- (1) driven or moved on a highway only for the purpose of crossing the highway from one private property to another, including an implement of husbandry as defined by regulation;
- (2) driven or moved on a highway under a dealer's plate or temporary permit as provided for in AS 28.10.031 and 28.10.181(j);
- (3) special mobile equipment as defined by regulation;
- (4) owned by the United States;
- (5) moved by human or animal power;
- (6) exempt under 50 U.S.C. App. 501-591 (Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act);

Sec. 28.10.171. Display of registration plates. (a) When two registration plates are issued for a vehicle, they shall be attached to the vehicle for which issued, one in front and the other in the rear. When one registration plate is issued, it shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle for which issued.

(b) Every registration plate issued under this chapter shall be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned, with the upper edge of the plate horizontal, at a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground measuring from the bottom of the plate, and maintained in a location and condition so as to be clearly legible. However, when considered necessary to insure legibility, the commissioner may provide by regulation for another method of installation. (§ 7 ch 178 SLA 1978)

Collateral references. — 7A Am. Jur 2d, Automobiles and Highway Traffic, § 54.
60 C.J.S., Motor Vehicles, §§ 105 to 107.

Secs. 28.10.172, 28.10.180. Staggered registration; renewal. [Repealed, § 7 ch 178 SLA 1978.]

Sec. 28.10.181. Registration of unique and special vehicles and vehicles used for special purposes. (a) The department shall register unique and special vehicles and vehicles used for special purposes and issue registration plates as provided in this section. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, registration plates issued under this section remain with the person or organization to whom they are issued when vehicle ownership is transferred or title or interest in the vehicle is assigned, except for plates issued under (b), (h) and (i) of this section. Registration plates issued under this section may not be used on, or transferred to, a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plates are issued without the approval of the department and payment of any required fees and taxes prescribed in AS 28.10.421(d), 28.10.431 and 28.10.441; however, if the plates issued under (c), (f) and (j) of this section are transferred to a vehicle for which the registration fee is more than the fee for the vehicle from which the plates are transferred, the owner shall pay the difference between the two fees. Registration plates issued under this section to which a person is no longer entitled or the transfer of the plates to another vehicle which the department does not approve shall be returned immediately to the department by the person or organization to whom the plates were originally issued.

(b) Historic vehicles. The owner of an historic vehicle may make application for special registration under this subsection. The department, when satisfied that the vehicle meets the requirements for historic vehicle registration under regulations adopted by the commissioner, shall register the vehicle and issue two permanent registration plates of distinctive design and color bearing no date. These plates remain with the vehicle as long as it is registered under this subsection. Vehicles qualifying for registration under this subsection shall be issued registration plates numbered in a separate numerical series beginning with "Historic Vehicle No. 1."

(c) Special request plates. Upon application by the owner of a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, noncommercial van or pick-up truck, or motor home, the department shall design and issue registration plates containing a series of not more than six letters or numbers or combination of letters and numbers as requested by the owner. The department may, in its discretion, disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested symbols are a duplication of an existing registration or when the symbols are considered unacceptable by the department.

(d) Vehicles owned by disabled veterans, including persons disabled in the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with disabilities. Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one passenger vehicle in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue a specially designed registration plate that

from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial Guard or the armed forces of the United States; and (B) the standard symbol of disability (the wheelchair logo). A disabled veteran who is not otherwise qualified under this subsection, but who presents to the department written proof that the person is at least 70 percent disabled or medically handicapped as a consequence of service in the Alaska Territorial Guard or the armed forces of the United States, may register one passenger vehicle without charge and the department shall issue a specially designed registration plate that displays recognition of the disabled veteran that does not display the standard handicap symbol and does not carry with it special parking privileges.

(e) Vehicles owned by the state, municipalities, and charitable organizations of the state. Every certificate of registration and registration plate issued to the state, a municipality, or charitable organization of the state is in effect until the vehicle for which the registration certificate and plate were issued is no longer owned and operated by the state, the municipality, or the charitable organization of the state or until the department, in its discretion, declares its expiration. The state, municipality, or charitable organization of the state shall maintain a current listing of all vehicles registered to it in the order of the registration number assigned to each vehicle, and shall provide a copy of the listing to the department upon request. The listing must include a description of each vehicle and other identifying information required by the department. Registration plates issued under this subsection must be of a distinctive design and numbering system. For the purposes of this subsection, "charitable organization" means a nonprofit association, corporation, society, or other entity organized, incorporated, or headquartered in the state for educational, cultural, scientific, or other charitable purposes, as prescribed in regulations of the department.

(f) Vehicles owned by elected state officials. The department shall issue special registration plates to each incumbent elected state official for display on noncommercial motor vehicles owned and driven by the official. The department shall number or design the plates so that registration by an elected state official is indicated upon the plates. The registration plates issued under this subsection remain with the owner of the vehicle only during the official's term of office.

(g) *[Repealed, § 9 ch 20 SLA 1990.]*

(h) Vehicles owned by ranchers, farmers, and dairymen. A vehicle not exceeding an unladen total gross weight of 16,000 pounds, owned by a person deriving the person's primary source of livelihood from the operation of a ranch, farm, or dairy where the person resides full-time, and which vehicle is used exclusively to transport the person's own ranch, farm, or dairy products to and from the market or to transport supplies, commodities, or equipment to be used on the person's ranch, farm, or dairy, may be registered under this subsection and may be issued registration plates of a distinctive design or system of numbering.

(i) Amateur mobile radio station vehicles. A validly licensed amateur radio operator who presents satisfactory proof that the owner holds an unexpired Federal Communications Commission amateur radio operator's license of any renewable class, and who presents satisfactory proof that the vehicle contains or carries an amateur radio transmitter and receiving unit of a type applicable to the license class applied for, and who is permitted by law to operate a fixed station, may register one amateur mobile radio station vehicle for each radio license issued by the federal government and may receive for the vehicle distinctive registration plates instead of regular registration plates. The number on the plates must be the radio call sign of the owner.

(j) Vehicles owned by dealers. A state-registered and bonded vehicle dealer may apply for dealer registration plates. A plate issued under this subsection may be used only on dealer-owned vehicles during the routine and normal course of the dealer's business, excluding service vehicles, or for transporting an unregistered vehicle from a port of entry

to the dealer's facilities or from one dealer to another or, in the case of a house trailer, from the retail facility to a trailer space. A vehicle permitted to have dealer plates must be affixed with two plates issued under this subsection. If the dealer sells or transfers the vehicle, the dealer plates may be used on the vehicle by the new owner or transferee for a period of not more than five days after the sale or transfer. The department may seize the dealer plates if it has reason to believe that the plates are being used to defeat the purposes of, or are in violation of, this chapter.

(k) *[Repealed, § 3 ch 8 SLA 1993.]*

(l) Vehicles owned by Pearl Harbor survivors and former prisoners of war. The department, upon receipt of written proof, shall issue without charge special registration plates for one noncommercial motor vehicle to a person who was on active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, or who has been a prisoner of war during a declared war or other conflict, as determined by the Department of Defense under federal regulations. The design and color of the Pearl Harbor survivor or prisoner of war plates shall be solely within the discretion of the commissioner.

(m) Special request plates for Alaska National Guard personnel. Upon application by the owner of a passenger vehicle, noncommercial van or pick-up truck, or motor home who presents satisfactory proof of current membership in the Alaska National Guard, the department may design and issue registration plates that identify the vehicle as registered to a member of the Alaska National Guard. The owner shall return the registration plates to the department within 10 days following discharge from the Alaska National Guard.

(n) *[Repealed, § 9 ch 20 SLA 1990.]*

(o) Special request university plates. Upon application by the owner of a passenger vehicle, noncommercial van or pick-up truck, or motor home, the department may design and issue registration plates representing the University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Southeast, or Prince William Sound Community College. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

(p) Vehicles owned by veterans. The department, upon receipt of written proof that the veteran is a sole or joint owner of a noncommercial motor vehicle, shall issue special registration plates for the noncommercial motor vehicle to a requesting person who is a veteran or retired veteran of the armed forces of the United States. The commissioner, after consulting with the director of the division of veterans affairs, shall determine the design and color of the veteran or retired veteran plates.

(q) Vehicles owned by recipients of the Purple Heart. The department, upon receipt of written proof that the person is the sole or joint owner of a noncommercial motor vehicle, shall issue special registration plates for the noncommercial motor vehicle to a requesting person who has received the Purple Heart medal awarded for wounds suffered in action against an armed enemy or as a result of the hostile action of an armed enemy. The commissioner, after consulting with the director of the division of veterans affairs, shall determine the design and color of the Purple Heart medal recipient plates.

(r) Special request custom collector plates. Upon application by the owner of a custom collector vehicle, the department may design and issue registration plates appropriate for custom collector vehicles. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

(s) Special request dog mushing plates. Upon application by the owner of a passenger vehicle, noncommercial van or pick-up truck, or motor home, the department may design and issue registration plates representing the sport of dog mushing in the state. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration. (§ 7 ch 178 SLA

1978; am § 2 ch 54 SLA 1979; am § 1 ch 151 SLA 1984; am § 5 ch 60 SLA 1986; am §§ 3 — 5 ch 24 SLA 1988; am § 1 ch 72 SLA 1989; am § 1 ch 91 SLA 1989; am § 9 ch 20 SLA 1990; am §§ 12, 13 ch 93 SLA 1991; am §§ 1, 2 ch 16 SLA 1992; am § 3 ch 8 SLA 1993; am §§ 55, 56, 79 ch 63 SLA 1993; am § 2 ch 97 SLA 1996)

Revisor's notes. — Subsections (p) and (q) were enacted as (o) and (p), respectively. Renumbered in 1989.

Effect of amendments. — The 1990 amendment, effective April 21, 1990, repealed subsections (g) and (n).

The 1991 amendment, effective September 30, 1991, amended subsections (d) and (p) to include provisions relating to the Alaska Territorial Guard.

The 1992 amendment, effective August 6, 1992, in subsections (p) and (q), inserted references to "sole or joint owner of a noncommercial motor vehicle", inserted "requesting", and made a stylistic change.

The first 1993 amendment, effective January 1, 1994, added subsection (r) and repealed subsection (k).

The second 1993 amendment, effective July 1, 1993,

rewrote subsection (d), added the fourth sentence in subsection (j), and also repealed subsection (k).

The 1996 amendment, effective September 23, 1996, added subsection (s).

Editor's notes. — Section 87, ch. 63, SLA 1993 provides "[i]f any section of this bill is found to violate the single subject rule it is severed from the rest of the bill."

Section 1, ch. 97, SLA 1996 provides that it is "the intent of the legislature that the division of motor vehicles of the Department of Public Safety consult with dog mushing organizations when designing special request plates" authorized by ch. 97, SLA 1996.

Collateral references. — 7A Am. Jur. 2d, Automobiles and Highway Traffic, §§ 75 to 84.

60 C.J.S., Motor Vehicles, §§ 63 to 65.

Secs. 28.10.190, 28.10.200. Transfer of special plates; annual tax. [Repealed, § 7 ch 178 SLA 1978.]

Article 2. Title.

Section

- 201. Mandatory and permissive vehicle titles
- 211. Application for title
- 216. Inadequate evidence of ownership
- 221. Refusal, suspension, and revocation of title
- 231. Certificate of title contents

Section

- 241. Delivery and judicial process against certificate of title
- 251. Lost, stolen, or mutilated certificate of title
- 261. Evidence

Collateral references. — 7A Am. Jur. 2d, Automobiles and Highway Traffic, §§ 25 to 29.
60 C.J.S., Motor Vehicles, § 42.

Liability of state, in issuing automobile certificate of title, for failure to discover title defect, 28 ALR4th 184.

Sec. 28.10.201. Mandatory and permissive vehicle titles. (a) Except as otherwise provided in (b) of this section or in AS 28.10.131 and 28.10.141, every owner of a vehicle subject to registration in this state shall apply for a certificate of title under this chapter.

(b) [See delayed amendment note.] The owner of a vehicle described in AS 28.10.011 as being exempt from registration and the owner of a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle may not apply for, nor may the department issue, a certificate of title for the vehicle. However, the department

(1) may issue a certificate of title to the owner of a vehicle exempt from registration under AS 28.10.011(3), (6), (7), or (11) only upon application by that owner; and

(2) may issue a certificate of title to the owner of a mobile home upon application and payment of a fee of \$100 by the owner; a certificate of title issued under this paragraph must comply with AS 28.10.231.

(c) The certificate of title issued may, when there is more than one owner, state the name of each owner in the conjunctive or in the disjunctive in order to indicate that the owners own the vehicle together or in the alternative.

(d) Except for vehicles registered under AS 28.10.131(b) or (c) and 28.10.141, the department may not register a vehicle unless the applicant for registration at the same

Effective January 1, 1997

Subject:
FARM VEHICLES

Supersedes R-60

Dated 8/10/92

Approved

Charles R. Horack

Statute: AS 28.10.181(h) AS 28.10.421(7) Regulation:

Form No. 12-812A

Vehicles owned by persons who derive their primary source of livelihood from the operation of a ranch, farm, or dairy may qualify for "Farm" license plates if:

1. The vehicle does not exceed 16,000 pounds unladen weight.
2. The vehicle owner maintains his/her full-time residence on the ranch, farm or dairy.
3. The vehicle is used to transport his/her own ranch, farm, or dairy products to and/or from the market place or to transport supplies, commodities, or equipment to be used on the ranch, farm, or dairy.

If a vehicle weighs more than 16,000 pounds unladen weight it does not qualify for farm plates and must be registered as a commercial vehicle.

Farm plates are not transferable from one vehicle to another. When a vehicle is sold, the new owner must meet all qualifications stated above in order to keep the Farm plates on the vehicle. If these requirements are not met, the Farm plates must be surrendered and appropriate registration fees paid.

An applicant for Farm plates must make a statement in the affidavit section of the application (Form 12-812A) that:

1. S/he lives on the ranch, farm, or dairy and derives his/her main source of income from such.
2. The vehicle weighs under 16,000 pounds unladen weight and is used only for transporting ranch, farm, or dairy products to and/or from market or for transporting supplies, commodities, or equipment to be used on the ranch, farm, or dairy.

Although the registration fee for farm vehicles is not based on the weight of the vehicle, the unladen weight must be entered on the application if the vehicle is a truck, trailer, or bus. The vehicle weight is recorded on the vehicle registration and in the Division's records.

Vehicles qualifying for Farm plates are exempt from MVRT but must show proof that the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax has been paid.

Class Code

Annual Fee

Biennial Fee

61

\$35.00

\$68.00

Body Style: Any acceptable body style.

State of Alaska
Division of Motor Vehicles
Standard Operating Procedures

SOP No. R-105

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Effective January 1, 1997

Subject:
TRUCKS

Supersedes R-105

Dated 7/1/93

Approved

J. M. Delaney

Statute: AS 28.10.141(c)
AS 28.10.421, 28.32.900

Regulation: 13 AAC 40.010(60)

Form No. 12-812

Motor vehicles primarily designed for hauling goods or property and for normal road use are classed as trucks. Registration fees for trucks are based on the unladen/empty weight of the vehicle.

Any truck registered in a business name is considered a commercial vehicle and must pay commercial fees.

Commercial trucks used for interstate transportation and registered in a jurisdiction other than Alaska may be eligible to register under a prorate agreement and pay prorated fees (see SOP R-340, Western States Prorate Agreement), or they may qualify for dual registration, (see SOP R-345).

Certain vans and panel trucks which are designed and used only to transport people are classed as passenger vehicles.

Vans that have been converted to motor homes are called van campers and they are classed as passenger vehicles. The conversion should include the installation of permanent fixtures such as cupboards, beds, stoves, etc.

The unladen weight of a truck must be provided at the time of application for title and/or registration. The weight is entered in section 1 of the "Application for Title and Registration" (Form 12-812A).

This weight is recorded in the Division records and will appear on the vehicle registration certificate. If proof of the unladen weight is not available from supporting documents of DMV resources the customer should provide a scale weight slip. If scales are not available for use the customer must state in the affidavit section of the "Application for Title and Registration" his/her estimate of the vehicle weight.

PLATES 1000CA – 9999DZ

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Cross Reference:

SOP R-115, Passenger Vehicles
SOP R-345, Dual Registration

SOP R-340, Western States Prorate
SOP R-160, Trip Permits

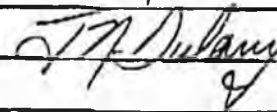
Effective January 1, 1997

Subject:
PASSENGER VEHICLES

Supersedes R-115

Dated: 3/15/98

Approved



Statute: AS 28.10.421(b)(1) Regulation:

A passenger vehicle is one that is designed and used for the transportation of up to 20 passengers. Motorhomes are considered passenger vehicles.

If a passenger vehicle is in a company name it is considered a commercial vehicle and the fees charged are commercial fees.

- Exceptions: 1. A trust is not considered a company name.
- 2. A vehicle transferred to a Dealer name exclusively and held for resale is not considered a commercial vehicle for registration purposes. The Dealer must state in the affidavit portion of the application for title that the vehicle is being held for resale and not used for service, leasing, etc. The Dealer name is the only name that may appear on the title.

Some vehicles such as the Broncos, Blazers, Scouts, etc. are passenger vehicles but are considered a utility vehicle for identification purposes. The body style "LL" is used to distinguish these utility vehicles within the passenger class. See #1 on page 2 of this SOP for a list of these vehicles.

The multi-passenger vans such as the Lumina, Aerostar, Caravan, etc., are considered passenger vehicles and the body style used to identify them is "VP" for passenger van. See #2 on page 2 of this SOP for a list of these vehicles.

NON-COMMERCIAL

Class Code	Annual Fee	Biennial Fee
11 Standard Passenger	\$35.00	\$68.00
10 Personalized Passenger	\$35.00	\$68.00

COMMERCIAL

Weight	Class Code	Annual Fee	Biennial Fee
up to 5,000	91	\$51.00	\$100.00
5,001-12,000	92	\$86.00	\$170.00
12,001-18,000	93	\$156.00	\$310.00
18,001+	94	\$221.00	\$440.00