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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO: HB 482**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
 Title: "An act relating to the registration of noncommercial trailers....." BRU: Motor Vehicles  
 Sponsor: House Transportation Component: Field Services  
 Requestor: (H) TRA 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	12.5	(16.0)	(16.0)	(16.0)	(16.0)	(16.0)
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
Revenue Code						

**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match	12.5	(16.0)	(16.0)	(16.0)	(16.0)	(16.0)
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>	<b>(16.0)</b>

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

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)**  
 This bill will create "permanent registrations" for certain categories of vehicles that will be valid until the ownership of the vehicle changes. This has the potential of eliminating 40,000 registration renewals annually however during the first year of implementation all vehicles will still have to renew the registration to receive the permanent decals. The first year of implementation would be FY 99 so there would be no savings in this year. The only cost for implementation would be for 100 hours of contract programming to establish the permanent registration categories in the DMV data system and to create a method of ensuring that those vehicle which require an emission inspection are in fact complying with this requirement. After the first year there will be a savings in postage (\$0.30 ea) and forms costs (\$0.10 ea) for the 40,000 registration renewals and this savings of \$16.0 annually will continue each year thereafter. There will be no change in personnel cost as the employees will be redeployed to other public service tasks.

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### HB 482 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

HB 482, an act relating to the registration of motor vehicles, was introduced to make state government more efficient and user friendly.

Currently, the state issues thousands of vehicle registrations yearly to seniors and disabled Alaskans. Although there is no charge for these vehicle registrations, considerable time and effort goes into issuing them on an annual basis. HB 482 would remove this burden from our seniors and those with disabilities, and help shrink the lines at our D.M.V. offices as employees are redeployed.

HB 482 also removes the annual \$10 registration for noncommercial trailers and sets a one time \$10 registration fee. When a trailer changes owners, the new owner would be responsible for re-registering the trailer and paying a \$10 fee.

Adoption of House Bill 482 will increase efficiencies at D.M.V. and promote a user friendly atmosphere between the public and state government.

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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 482(TRA)****IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION****BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): **HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to registration fees for certain noncommercial pickup trucks and  
2 vans and to registration of vehicles owned by disabled persons or persons who  
3 are 65 years of age or older; and providing for an effective date."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 28.10.108 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (1) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the following vehicles  
7 are not required to be registered biennially and shall be registered one time only:

8 (1) a vehicle qualifying for registration under AS 28.10.181(d); or

9 (2) a vehicle owned by a person who is 65 years of age or older; this  
10 paragraph applies to only one vehicle owned by the person who is 65 years of age or  
11 older.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.411(f) is amended to read:

13 (f) A resident 65 years of age or older on January 1 of the year the vehicle is  
14 registered is entitled to an exemption [ONCE EACH BIENNIAL REGISTRATION

1 PERIOD] from the registration fee required under this section for one [MOTOR]  
 2 vehicle subject to registration under AS 28.10.421(b)(1), (2), (5), or (6). An exemption  
 3 may not be granted except upon written application for the exemption on a form  
 4 prescribed by the department.

5 \* Sec. 3. AS 28.10.421(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) The biennial registration fees under this subsection are imposed within the  
 7 following classifications for:

- 8 (1) a passenger vehicle or motor home not used or maintained for the  
 9 transportation of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use . . \$ 68;
- 10 (2) a pick-up truck or a van not exceeding 10,000 [6,000] pounds  
 11 unladen weight and not registered in the name of a company or business [USED OR  
 12 MAINTAINED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY FOR  
 13 HIRE OR FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL USE] . . . . . \$ 78;
- 14 (3) a taxicab . . . . . \$138;
- 15 (4) a motor bus with a seating capacity for 20 or more persons and  
 16 used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists  
 17 . . . . . \$168;
- 18 (5) a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle . . . . . \$ 38;
- 19 (6) a trailer not used or maintained for the transportation of persons or  
 20 property for hire or for other commercial use, including, but not limited to, a boat  
 21 trailer, baggage trailer, box trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, travel trailer, or a trailer  
 22 rented or offered for rent . . . . . \$ 10.

23 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1998.

**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

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displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the applicant's disability originated 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.