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Senate Bill 339

"An Act relating to a volunteer firefighter license plate."

Currently, volunteer firefighters make up 80% of Alaska's 4,255 firefighters. Senate Bill 339 will establish a volunteer firefighter license plate available for purchase only by volunteer firefighters. The purchase price is \$50. The license plate will provide recognition for volunteer firefighters and will provide a possible source of revenue for firefighter training around the state.

Historically, small communities do not have the money to pay for a full-time fire department and they rely on volunteers. These volunteers, in addition to their full-time careers, dedicate their spare time to firefighting and firefighter training. A volunteer receives comparable training as that of a full-time paid firefighter. They risk their lives and are the unsung heroes of many communities across the state. Let us honor their dedication and sacrifice by establishing a visible means of recognition for these important and dedicated community volunteers.

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Dear Mr. Piland:

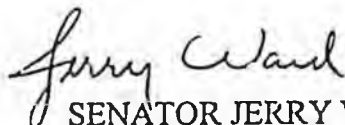
Thank you for your recent letter concerning license plates for Alaska fire fighters. As I'm sure you know, Senator Lyda Green has introduced SB 339 relating to volunteer fire fighters license plates.

It is my understanding that the purpose of this legislation, in addition to giving volunteer fire fighters their well deserved recognition, is to identify their vehicles to the public and law enforcement officers when they are on duty.

Certainly, Alaska's full time fire fighters are also deserving of recognition for the invaluable service that they provide to the citizens of our state. I will be happy to discuss the possibility of including a provision for our full-time fire fighters in SB 339 with Senator Green.

Thank you again for your letter, and I will keep you updated on this issue.

Sincerely,


SENATOR JERRY WARD

cc: Senator Lyda Green

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Dear sir or madam,

In my line of work I came across an out of state plate from Oklahoma that displayed the firefighters symbol. I have enclosed a copy of this plate. It is my understanding that I need to write to your office in order to have this considered.

Since I am a firefighter I would like to know how to get such a plate instituted in Alaska. Any information, ideas or suggestions you have would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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