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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Referred to Committee: February 3, 1999

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/11/99

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

HB 2

HOUSE BILL NO. 2

REGISTRATION PLATES FOR DISABLED

"An Act relating to issuance of a motor vehicle registration plate to or parking permit for a person who is disabled."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute _____ [] the same title
[] a new title

[] additional referral to _____ Committee
[] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

[] fiscal note(s) _____ [] fiscal note(s) _____

[] zero fiscal note(s) Admin. [] zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Edmelle James</i>	X			
<i>Asst. Swales</i>	X			
<i>Ben Finkle</i>	X			
<i>John ...</i>	X			
<i>Bill ...</i>	✓			
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CHAIR'S SIGNATURE Edmelle James 2/11/99

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

House Bill 2

"An Act relating to issuance of a motor vehicle registration plate to or parking permit for a person who is disabled."

House Bill 2 makes one simple change to Title 28, "Vehicle Registration and Title," allowing Licensed Nurse Practitioners to provide proof of disability for veterans to receive specially designed license plates.

Currently, only licensed physicians are authorized to provide proof of disability. Alaska has many medical facilities in both rural and urban settings where a Nurse Practitioner is the only licensed medical person available, and this bill would allow much-needed flexibility.

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January 28, 1999

Representative Jeanette James
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Attention: Barbara Cottings

Dear Representative James:

I would like to thank you for sponsoring a bill to allow Nurse Practitioners to fill out the required forms for handicap parking permits issued by the department of Motor Vehicles. As you may know, in Fairbanks the VA sponsors some physician care in the community, but the clinic here has no physician on staff and I serve as the primary care provider for many Veterans in Fairbanks. Many of the Veterans are ineligible for care in the community unless they have a medical condition that requires physician follow up. As a result, if they need a handicap parking permit, they need to pay for a new patient visit at a local physicians office solely for the purpose of having the form filled out. Many of our patients, especially those with disabilities, are on limited fixed incomes and this represents a significant financial burden as well as inappropriate use of health care resources. Because these patients are well known to me, it takes very little time for me to fill out the form.

Many people in Alaska, especially in rural areas, identify nurse practitioners and physician assistants as their sole health care providers. We need to be able to provide health care information in an official capacity to the D.M.V., the Division of Public Health and other state agencies when our patients request our assistance in obtaining services from these agencies.

Sincerely,



Anne M. Lilley, ANP (FNP)

**Testimony of the Alaska Outdoor Council on HJR 9,
By Dick Bishop, vice president
Feb. 18, 1999 before the House State Affairs Committee**

Madam Chair, I'm Dick Bishop of Fairbanks, vice president of, and part-time lobbyist for the Alaska Outdoor Council, on whose behalf I am testifying.

The AOC is vitally interested in the safe and ethical exercise of the individual right to keep and bear arms.

The Outdoor Council strongly supports HJR 9. We thank Representative Croft for introducing the measure, and his cosponsors for their strong bipartisan support. This is an issue that knows no party lines.

Regulations mandating retention of data on lawful firearms purchases under the so-called Brady Bill's instant check provisions are a cynical subversion of the clear meaning of that law. The law's provision mandating destruction of those records does not mean some Tuesday next week, or 6 months later.

The purpose of the instant check is to determine if a firearms purchase is legal. Once that determination is made, there is no rationale under the law for retaining that record. The purpose of the law has been fulfilled when attempted illegal purchases are forestalled.

As anyone who has worked in or with government knows, it is all too easy for bureaucracies to overlook or ignore statutory requirements and regulations. The 6-month destruction deadline easily becomes no deadline, through neglect, or for an ulterior motive. Or it might be revised in a future regulation, to one year, or 5 years, or permanent retention.

There's not much good to be said about the Brady bill, but at least it was agreed that it was not to be the first step in an all out gun registration system. We applaud the National Rifle Association's legal challenge to this foot in the door regulation.

I wonder who decided there should be 6-month data retention? It appears to fit right in with President Clinton's patronizing political campaign to demonize all gunowners.

The Alaska Outdoor Council urges the Legislature to promptly pass HJR 9. We also recommend that you transmit the resolution to every state legislature and every governor, in addition to the distribution outlined in the resolution.

Thank you for your efforts, and for this opportunity to testify.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 2

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Administration
 Title An act relating to issuance of a motor vehicle BRU Motor Vehicles
registration plate to or parking permit Component _____
 Sponsor Representative James
 Requester H. TRANS Component Serial No. 2348

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill adds Nurse Practitioner to those authorized to sign certification of disability for license plates or parking permits. This has no fiscal impact.

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 Division Motor Vehicles Date/Time _____
 Approved by Commissioner Robert Poe Date 1/29/99
 Agency _____

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