

HB

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REPRESENTATIVE FRED DYSON

MEMORANDUM

March 16, 2001

To: Representative Coghill Chair
State Affairs

From: Fred Dyson *Fred Dyson*
State Representative

RE: Request for consideration of HB 167

HB 167 is a bill that makes minor changes to license plates law. It should be non-controversial and take very little time.

I respectfully request that you schedule it for public hearing at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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HB 167 Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to License Plates

Updated: March 15, 2001

Contact: Representative Fred Design's office at (907) 465-2199

HB 167 makes three changes to the law relating to specialty plates:

First, it eliminates a requirement that special plates for Alaska National Guard personnel return the plates within 10 days following discharge from the Alaska National Guard. This provision has not been enforced and places an unnecessary burden on those who choose to willingly comply. I have a constituent who recently retired from the Alaska National Guard who would have to change license plates on three vehicles. Besides being a nuisance, it is difficult not to interpret this as a slap in exchange for service to our state.

Second, HB 167 makes a provision for antique vehicle owners to use license plates that match what the vehicle had, or would have had, when it was new. The owner provides the plates and the department has the right of refusal if the number is a duplicate, the provided plates are illegible, or are considered unacceptable by the department.

Thirdly, HB 167 allows the department to design and issue the Alaska Centennial Gold Rush plates as specialty plates.

HB 167 also sets the appropriate registration fee rates for these initiatives. There is no change on the \$30 fee for National Guard Plates, a \$30 fee is set for antique vehicle owner plates, and a \$50 fee is set to cover the cost of design and issue of specialty Gold Rush plates.

This bill costs the State of Alaska nothing and allows for vehicle owners to do creative and unique things with their license plates

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FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: HB 167
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
Title: An act relating to license plates for Alaska BRU: Motor Vehicles
National Guard personnel and for antique motor vehicles..... Component: _____
Sponsor: Representative Dyson
Requester: H (STA) Component Number: 2348

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1005)	11.6	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2002 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Section 1 - This section has no fiscal impact.

Section 2 - This section contains provisions for both antique vehicles and for special request gold rush license plates. The antique vehicles provision is limited to an extremely small special interest group. Due to the low numbers this is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact. It will complicate the registration system which has nearly 100 different fee categories that impact the efficiency of the system. A similar provision for older, custom collector vehicles that was passed eight years ago has resulted in only 40 registrations in this category.

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Approved by: Jim Dunca, Commissioner Date 3/30/01
Agency: Department of Administration

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March 29, 2001

Section 2 (con't)

The gold rush plate will only be issued through 2004. This section will offer another design selection to those persons who would normally select a special request plate. It is not expected to raise the number of special request license plates. Since the plate has part of the design in the center of the plate, the letter combinations must be divided on either side of the plate. This detracts from the desirability of the plate. DMV anticipates that only 10% of the 5,500 people who purchase special request plates will select this design.

DMV already has funding for purchase of special request plates. Since the total demand for special plates is not expected to increase, no additional funds will be needed for the purchase of plates. Nearly 70% of special request plates are ordered via the DMV web site. This program will need to be updated to allow the selection of the new plate design. It is estimated that this work will require 240 hours (6 weeks) of DP contractor work. This will be contracted through the standard state ITG contract at the rate of \$122.77 per hour. The total one-time cost is \$29.5.

Section 3 – This section contains the new, one-time fee for owners of antique vehicles. As discussed earlier, DMV does not anticipate significant numbers of registrations. It is estimated that there will be 20 registrations the first year and 10 registrations each year thereafter. This will generate \$ 0.6 in revenue the first year and \$ 0.3 in the following years.

Section 4 – This section contains the new, one-time fee of \$50 for special request gold rush plates. All other special request plates have a one-time fee of \$30. For consistency DMV recommends that this fee also be \$30; a higher fee for one plate may act as a deterrent to its selection.

If the fee remains at \$50 there will be an increase in revenue. People who would have chosen one of the other designs will now choose the gold rush design. DMV estimates that 550 new plates will be issued each year and the difference in fees is \$20. The total annual revenue increase will be \$ 11.0.