

HB

438

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Representative Lesil McGuire *House District 17*

CS for HB 438 Sponsor Statement

“An Act relating to motor vehicle registration plates for disabled veterans; and providing for an effective date.”

During the past few years the Alaska Legislature has taken special care to honor the men and women who have served and are serving our country in the Armed Forces. Most noticeable are the Alaska vehicle license plates with the word Veteran and the branch of service emblem indicating their service to our freedom.

While these plates were a way to say thank you and give special recognition, we have overlooked a group of veteran's that may have given a little more than some. They are our Disabled Veteran's and to date the only special license plate is the standard Gold and Blue physically disabled plate with the first three letters "DAV." CS for HB 438 is written to correct this.

The bill proposes that the Department of Motor Vehicles create a special license plate for these men and women who gave a part of themselves to our country. The plate, as envisioned, will be Red, White and Blue, with the Alaska and U.S. flags and the words Disabled Veteran. It will make a clear statement that the vehicle belongs to a person who served and gave, and is proud of his or her contribution.

Passage of CS for HB 438 will show our Disabled Veteran's the same honor and respect that this body has chosen to show other Veterans of the Armed Forces.

FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: CSHB 438(STA)
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title An Act Relating to motor vehicle BRU Administration
registration plates for disabled veterans... Component Motor Vehicles
 Sponsor Representative McGuire
 Requester H(STA) Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
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--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

There will be no fiscal impact from this bill.

Prepared by: Rynnieva W. Moss, Committee Aide Phone _____
 Division House State Affairs Committee Date/Time 4/2/02 9:40 a.m.
 Approved by: Representative John Coghill, Chairman Date 4/2/2002
 Agency House State Affairs Committee

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: CSHB 438(MLV)
(H) Publish Date: 3/6/02

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
Title An act relating to motor vehicle BRU Motor Vehicles
registration plates for disabled veterans.... Component _____
Sponsor Representative McGuire
Requester H (MLV) Component No. 2348

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008

CHANGE IN REVENUES (1005)	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
	3.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
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1005 GF/Program Receipts	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Medical Health						
Other (Specify type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
DMV issues two types of plates to disabled veterans. These plates are in the traditional state colors of gold and blue. There are currently 515 disabled veterans that have special plates with the Handicap logo and 340 disabled veterans that have special plates without the logo.

This bill will authorize a third type of plate for the disabled veterans. The minimum order of license plates is 900 pairs of plates. The cost for the special sheeting design, the manufacture, and delivery of the plates is \$5,750.00 under the current license plate contract.

Based on the usage of other specialty plates, DMV estimates there will be 100 requests for the new plate the first year and 20 requests each year thereafter. The first year revenue would be \$3,000.00.

Prepared by: Charles R. Hosack Phone 269-5559
Division Motor Vehicles Date/Time 2/22/02
Approved by: Jim Duncan, Commissioner Date 2/25/2002
Agency Department of Administration

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Room 102

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN COGHILL

Memorandum

Date: April 2, 2002
To: Mike Ford, Legal Counsel
From: Rynnieva Moss, House State Affairs Committee Aide *RW Moss*
Re: Final Committee Substitute for HB 438

Please prepare a final CS for House State Affairs on Work Order LS 1503V with the following amendment:

Page 1, line 13 after the words "and (C)

Insert:

, if the applicant is a veteran,

Thanks for your assistance. The CS should be delivered to Room 102.

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TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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**Offered:
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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MCGUIRE, Kott

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to motor vehicle registration plates for disabled veterans; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

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

5 (d) Vehicles owned by disabled veterans, including persons disabled in the
6 line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with
7 disabilities. Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the
8 ability to walk, as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one
9 passenger vehicle in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue a specially
10 designed registration plate that displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the
11 applicant's disability originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial
12 Guard or the armed forces of the United States; and (B) the standard symbol of
13 disability (the wheelchair logo); and (C) the Alaska and United States flags and
14 red, white, and blue colors. A person [DISABLED VETERAN] who is not

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1 otherwise qualified under this subsection, but who meets the qualifications of a
 2 disabled veteran under AS 29.45.030(i) [PRESENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT
 3 WRITTEN PROOF THAT THE PERSON IS AT LEAST 70 PERCENT DISABLED
 4 OR MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF SERVICE IN THE
 5 ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD OR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED
 6 STATES], may register one passenger vehicle without charge, and the department
 7 shall issue a specially designed registration plate that displays recognition of the
 8 disabled veteran that does not display the standard handicap symbol and does not carry
 9 with it special parking privileges. For purposes of this subsection, proof of disability
 10 may be provided by a person licensed as a physician under AS 08.64 or as an
 11 advanced nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 28.10.421(d)(3) is amended to read:

13 (3) a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran or other handicapped person,
 14 and registered under AS 28.10.181(d) [AS 28.10.181] or a resident 65 years of age or
 15 older who files a written application for an exemption on a form prescribed by the
 16 department.....none;

17 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2003.

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March 6, 2002

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Dear Representative Coghill:

Please accept this letter and enclosed documents as a request for the House State Affairs Committee to hear CS for HB 438; a Bill relating to vehicle registration plates for disabled veterans.

During the past few years the Legislature has approved special license plates for Veterans and Purple Heart recipients. But our Disabled Veterans, many whom paid a severe price for service to our country, are not given the opportunity for this special recognition. That is the intent of CS for HB 438. The Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee made a change in HB 438 to benefit those who currently meet the requirements for tax exemption as disabled veterans. DAV license plates will be available to men and women with 50 percent plus disability.

I respectfully request scheduling of CS for HB 438 in the House State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.



Jim Pound
Staff, Rep. Lesil McGuire

Sec. 29.45.030. Required exemptions.

The following property is exempt from general taxation:

(e) The real property owned and occupied as the primary residence and permanent place of abode by a (1) resident 65 years of age or older; (2) disabled veteran; or (3) resident at least 60 years old who is the widow or widower of a person who qualified for an exemption under (1) or (2) of this subsection, is exempt from taxation on the first \$150,000 of the assessed value of the real property. A municipality may, in case of hardship, provide for exemption beyond the first \$150,000 of assessed value in accordance with regulations of the department. Only one exemption may be granted for the same property and, if two or more persons are eligible for an exemption for the same property, the parties shall decide between or among themselves who is to receive the benefit of the exemption. Real property may not be exempted under this subsection if the assessor determines, after notice and hearing to the parties, that the property was conveyed to the applicant primarily for the purpose of obtaining the exemption. The determination of the assessor may be appealed under AS 44.62.560 - 44.62.570.

(1) "disabled veteran" means a disabled person

(A) separated from the military service of the United States under a condition that is not dishonorable who is a resident of the state, whose disability was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the military service of the United States, and whose disability has been rated as 50 percent or more by the branch of service in which that person served or by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

(B) who served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, who is a resident of the state, whose disability was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, and whose disability has been rated as 50 percent or more;

Proposed Plate Design without
Special Parking



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