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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

DATE: 2/27/04

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 20 April 2004

Finance Committee considered

HOUSE BILL NO. 347

HB 347 EXEMPT TAXIS FROM VEHICLE RENTAL TAX

"An Act exempting taxicabs from the passenger vehicle rental tax; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- Same Title
- New Title

House Bill:

- Same Title
- Technical Title Change
- New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero.	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
Revenue	1/16/04			✓	#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Frank Roush</i>	✓			
<i>John Holt</i>			✓	
<i>George St. Louis</i>			✓	
<i>Bob B. ...</i>			✓	
COCHAIR: <i>Lynn Green</i>				
COCHAIR: <i>Gary White</i>				

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SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
20u4 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: HB 347
(H) Publish Date: 2/23/04

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
Title Exempt Taxes from Vehicle Rental Tax RDU Revenue Programs & Services
Component Tax Division
Sponsor Representative Kott
Requester House Finance Component No. 2476

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
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 ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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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 (FY2004) cost: 0.0
Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Exempt Taxes from Vehicle Rental Tax - Bill Analysis (January 16, 2004)

Bill Language: This bill will specifically exempt taxi cab operators who rent or lease their taxi cabs to taxi cab drivers from the vehicle rental tax. When the vehicle rental tax was initially proposed, the Department of Revenue's projected revenue amount of \$1 million in 2004 and \$6 million in fiscal years thereafter did not include revenues from the rent or lease of taxi cabs. Therefore, if taxi cab rentals and leases are exempted from the vehicle rental tax, there will be no change in the projected vehicle rental tax revenues as originally estimated by the Department.

Prepared by: Johanna Bales Phone 269-6628
Division Tax Division Date/Time 1/16/04 2:43 PM
Approved by: Steve Porter, Deputy Commissioner Date 1/16/2004
Agency Department of Revenue

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SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE #1
Amendment Number: #1
Bill Number: HB 347
Sponsor: Green Date: 3/9/04
Logged In By: Robin

~~ADOPTED~~

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Kurtz
3/8/04

ACTION
Rescinded
4/2/04

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: HB 347

- 1 Page 1, line 1, following "taxicabs":
- 2 Insert "and certain other motor vehicles"
- 3
- 4 Page 2, line 2:
- 5 Delete "or"
- 6
- 7 Page 2, line 3, following "taxicab;":
- 8 Insert "or
- 9 (F) a vehicle that is used exclusively for the hauling or
- 10 delivery of cargo;"
- 11
- 12 Page 2, line 7, following "taxicabs":
- 13 Insert "and other rentals that are exempt from the passenger vehicle rental tax because
- 14 of the amendments to AS 43.52.099(2) made by sec. 1 of this Act for rentals made"

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
3 / 9 / 2003 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	HB 347		
Amendment	#1		
Motion	to adopt		
<u>Motion by</u>	Green		
<u>Objection by</u>	Wilken		
<u>Removed</u>	✓		
<u>Second Objection by</u>	Bunde		
<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>N</u>
Senator Stevens	✓		
Senator Bunde			✓
Senator Dyson	✓		
Senator Hoffman	✓		
Senator Olson	✓		
Co-Chair Green	✓		
Co-Chair Wilken	✓		
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea	6		
Nay	1		
Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>	Passed		

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FISCAL NOTE

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to Amendment #1

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version HB347
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept Affected Revenue
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Requester Senate Finance Component No. 2476

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	(400.0)	(400.0)	(400.0)	(400.0)	(400.0)	(400.0)
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 00
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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will exempt taxi cabs and vehicles used exclusively for the hauling or delivery of cargo from the vehicle rental tax. When the vehicle rental tax was initially proposed, the Department of Revenue's projected revenue amount of \$1 million in 2004 and \$6 million in fiscal years thereafter did not include revenues from the rental of taxi cabs or vehicles used exclusively for hauling or delivery of cargo. Therefore, if taxi cabs and vehicles used exclusively for the hauling or delivery of cargo are exempted from the vehicle rental tax, there will be no change in the projected vehicle rental tax revenues as originally estimated by the Department. However, since these two types of vehicle rentals are currently subject to the tax, there will be a reduction in potential revenues due to the exemptions provided for in this bill. We have not estimated the change in revenues from the taxi cab exemption. We have estimated the reduction from vehicles used exclusively to haul cargo will be approximately \$400,000 per year.

Prepared by Janis Hales Phone 269-6627
Division Tax Division Date/Time 3/31/04 10 11 PM
Approved by Steve Porter, Deputy Commissioner Date 3/31/2004
Agency Department of Revenue

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced:
Referred:

*to implement
Amendment #1*

A RESOLUTION

1 **Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State**
2 **Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 347, exempting taxicabs from the passenger**
3 **vehicle rental tax.**

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

5 That under Rule 54, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, the provisions of
6 Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, regarding
7 changes to the title of a bill, are suspended in consideration of House Bill No. 347, exempting
8 taxicabs from the passenger vehicle rental tax.

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Pete Kott
Speaker of the House

Sponsor Statement

HB 347

“An Act exempting taxicabs from the passenger vehicle rental tax; and providing for an effective date.”

House Bill 347 has been introduced specifically to exclude a taxicab from the definition of “passenger vehicle” in statute, thereby exempting taxicab rentals from the vehicle rental tax.

Last year, HB 271 was passed with the intent to levying excise taxes on the rental of passenger and recreational vehicles usable on highways and vehicular ways. This imposed a substantial and confusing burden on owner-lessors of taxicabs who would be required to collect from the taxicab drivers. This was a technical and unintended application of the Vehicle Rental Tax to commercial taxicab lease transactions.

I respectfully request your support of this legislation.

Municipality of Anchorage

Chapter 12.45 RENTAL TAX ON RENTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES*

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***Editor's note:** It should be noted that the provisions of Ch. 12.45 become effective October 1, 2000. Also, AO No. 2000-116(S) contains the following: "Assembly Intent: It is the understanding and intent of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly that in approving AO 2000-116(S) the first thirty (30) days of any vehicle rental transaction is subject to the 8% rental tax as defined in AMC 12.45.020 A."

- [12.45.010 Definitions.](#)
- [12.45.020 Motor vehicle rental tax.](#)
- [12.45.030 Tax receipts segregated and held in trust for the Municipality.](#)
- [12.45.040 Tax exemptions.](#)
- [12.45.050 Registration of rental agencies.](#)
- [12.45.055 Security for fiduciary performance.](#)
- [12.45.060 Motor vehicle rental tax return and remittance.](#)
- [12.45.070 Amended tax returns.](#)
- [12.45.080 Tax refunds.](#)
- [12.45.090 Prohibited acts.](#)
- [12.45.100 Tax avoidance.](#)
- [12.45.110 Tax lien.](#)
- [12.45.120 Penalties.](#)
- [12.45.130 Interest.](#)
- [12.45.140 Application of payments.](#)
- [12.45.150 Maintenance and inspection of documents and records.](#)
- [12.45.160 Confidentiality of records.](#)
- [12.45.170 Remedies for a person aggrieved.](#)
- [12.45.180 Administration.](#)

12.45.010 Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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Chief fiscal officer means the chief fiscal officer of the municipality or his designee;

Day means a period of 24 consecutive hours or a portion thereof;

Department means the finance department of the municipality;

Fees and costs means the value of all charges incurred by the renter, other than the tax prescribed by this chapter, for the use of a motor vehicle, regardless of whether paid in the form of money, property, or services, except for only the following items if separately stated on the rental contract or other document invoicing payment:

1. Fees from the sale of automobile liability insurance, loss damage waiver insurance, and personal accident insurance;
2. Parking tickets;
3. The amount of any sales tax, so-called "luxury tax", consumer excise tax, gross receipts tax, or other similar tax imposed by the United States, the State of Alaska, or the Municipality;
4. Payments received by the rental agency from the renter or the renter's insurance provided for damage to a motor vehicle when the damage was incurred during the rental period;
5. Personal property other than items that are permanently affixed to the motor vehicle. Personal property does not include pickup truck shells or campers mounted on the motor vehicle, or trailers designed, constructed, or used primarily for dwelling;
6. The amount of the concession fee paid to the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport; and
7. Fueling charges.

Motor vehicles for the purposes of this chapter only means passenger cars, sport utility vehicles ("SUV"), vans, trucks, and recreational vehicles licensed to operate on public roadways rented or leased for 30 consecutive days or less. The term motor vehicles does not include buses, taxis, limousines, construction vehicles, or vehicles used exclusively for commercial or non-commercial hauling or delivery of cargo, all terrain vehicles ("ATVs"), snow machines, motorcycles, dirt bikes, side cars, horse trailers, boat trailers, or other trailers designed to carry property except for trailers designed for recreational dwelling purposes.

Municipality means the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.

Paid directly means payment made by voucher, check, warrant, or other negotiable instrument made payable to the rental agency and issued from an account maintained by the person or entity entitled to the exemption or by a bill, invoice, purchase order, or other form of payment arrangement made directly between the rental agency and the person or entity entitled to the exemption.

Passenger car, for the purposes of this chapter only, means any vehicle classed or would have been classed as a passenger vehicle by the State of Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) includes sport utility vehicles but does not include vans, trucks, or recreational vehicles. If the motor vehicle is licensed by another state or country, the motor vehicle will be classed as a passenger car if it meets the aforementioned definition of passenger car.

Recreational vehicle, for the purposes of this chapter only, means any vehicle classed or would have been classed as a commercial or non-commercial trailer or any vehicle assigned or would have been assigned a motor home body style by the State of Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and includes campers and trailers designed for recreational dwelling purposes. If the motor vehicle is licensed by another state or country, the motor vehicle will be classed as a recreational vehicle if it meets the aforementioned definition of recreational vehicle.

Rental agency means any person engaged in the retail business of renting or leasing motor vehicles.

Retail business means an activity consisting of a series of transactions sufficient in number, scope, and character to constitute an activity for which a person is required to hold a business license in Alaska and/or report business income or losses to Internal Revenue Service.

Tax return means the quarterly report to be submitted to the department as required by Section 12.45.060. If a rental agency is required to submit a tax return on a monthly basis pursuant to Section 12.45.120, then all references to quarter or quarterly in this chapter shall mean month or monthly, respectively, and all references to thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter shall mean the end of the following calendar month.

Thirty (30) day period means the first 30 consecutive days a motor vehicle as defined in this section is rented under a single contract.

To rent or rent (in any conjugation of the verb form) a motor vehicle means to acquire or sell the right to operate a motor vehicle or be responsible for the operation of a motor vehicle for a definite period of time.

To lease or lease (in any conjugation of the verb form) a motor vehicle means to acquire or sell the right to operate a motor vehicle or be responsible for the operation of a motor vehicle for a definite period of time.

Truck, for the purposes of this chapter only, means any vehicle classed or would have been classed as a truck by the State of Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If the motor vehicle is licensed by another state or country, the motor vehicle will be classed as a truck if it meets the aforementioned definition of truck.

Van, for the purposes of this chapter only, means any vehicle assigned or would have been assigned a van body style by the State of Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) including van, passenger van, minivan, van camper, vanette, and Econoline van. If the motor vehicle is licensed by another state or country, the motor vehicle will be classed as a van if it meets the aforementioned definition of van.

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(AO No. 2000-116(S), § 1, 7-18-00)



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U-HAUL CO. OF ALASKA

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March 3, 2004

Senator Lyda Green
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99001-1182

Re: Amendment to HB # 347

Dear Senator Green,

My name is John R. Norris. I am the Marketing Company President of U-Haul Company of Alaska Inc.

I'm writing to you to ask you to sponsor an amendment to HB 347 that would remove trucks greater than 10,000 pounds from the newly enacted 10 percent "passenger vehicle" rental tax. In 2003 the legislation, HB 271, that established the 10 percent tax was presented by the legislature as a tax on passenger car rental intended to target tourists visiting from out-of-state, not local businesses and citizens renting light trucks. However, the Department of Revenue has assessed the tax on all rental vehicles, including trucks, less than 26,001 pounds GVWR. This interpretation of the law results in the 10 percent tax being applied to Alaska businesses and citizens renting trucks.

HB 347 was introduced this session by Speaker Kott to correct the unintended taxation of Alaska citizens created by HB 271 and provide an exemption for taxicabs. Our records indicate that the 10 percent tax will result in the collection of \$274,182 from U-Haul rentals. However only \$73,650 would be from taxpayers leaving the state. The remaining \$200,532 collected would come from Alaskans moving within the state. This corrective legislation has passed the House and has since been assigned to your Senate Finance Committee.

I would greatly appreciate it if you will sponsor the attached amendment to HB 347. It would provide the same relief for light trucks as has been proposed for taxicabs. The amendment would remove trucks greater than 10,000 pounds from the 10 percent vehicle rental tax and ensure that it applies to the intended target; out of state tourists renting passenger vehicles, not Alaska businesses and citizens which rely on truck rentals for the continued flow of commerce and movement of household goods. The Alaska Trucking Association favors this amendment, along with the Truck

Moving Made Easier.

Renting and Leasing Association. Trucks under 10,000 pounds would still generate \$24,000.00 of the tax revenue for the state. So far as I am aware there is no industry group that opposes this corrective legislation.

Light truck rentals, trucks greater than 10,000 pounds, are generally made to either small businesses or local residents for household moves. Unlike cars, which are most often rented by out-of-state visitors, a 10% tax on truck rentals would be a significant hardship for Alaska citizens and businesses. The economic profile of the average do-it-yourself truck rental customer dictates that they are probably the least able to absorb an additional tax of this nature. Additionally, truck rentals done by businesses are often necessary for companies to meet peak or seasonal demands. Higher transportation costs will almost certainly result in higher consumer product costs. In either case, local Alaska residents will have to bear the burden of the 10 percent tax.

I sincerely request your help in passing an amendment that would exempt trucks from legislation that was not intended to include trucks.

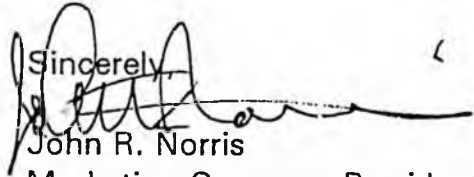
We have been good corporate citizens in Alaska for many years. In fact, we were not only the first, but the only do-it-yourself rental truck company to offer one-way truck rentals into and out of Alaska. Many citizens of Alaska would not have been able to move to Alaska if we had not provided the service.

Listed below are some facts and figures regarding my company's Alaska presence:

Current truck license and registration:	\$ 36,180
Total payroll:	\$1,047,450
Property tax	\$140,000
Company run stores	3
Company run shops	1
Independent dealers:	47
Municipal and Borough tax	\$42,000
Payroll Unemployment tax:	\$19,779
Company employees	58

Thanks in advance for your help, we sincerely need it. Your sponsorship of an amendment to remove trucks greater than 10,000 pounds from the tax to ensure the tax applies only to the intended target of out-of-state tourists, not citizens of Alaska, is appreciated. If you need information or if I can help in any way, please contact me: Office telephone is 907-562-0612, home telephone is 907-345-4972, mobile phone is 907-229-0401, fax phone 907-561-0466. My e-mail address is John_Norris@uhaul.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Norris", written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John R. Norris
Marketing Company President
U-Haul Company of Alaska Inc.



Alaska Trucking Association

3443 Minnesota Dr. , Anchorage, AK 99503 www.aktrucks.org

March 1, 2004

RE: HB 347

Senator Lyda Green:

HB 271 which was written to impose a rental car tax that passed last session defined a Commercial Motor Vehicle as all vehicles over 26,000lbs. The bill cites AS 28.40.100 which exempts these vehicles from this user fee. The bill never states that the vehicle must be used *in commerce*. This bill does not take into consideration the Commercial Motor Vehicles in the 10,001 to 26,000lb range. Unfortunately, large portions of the rental trailers, trucks, equipment are in the 10,001 to 26,000lb range are subject to this user fee that HB 271 erects.

The Alaska Legislature has adopted AS 28.10.421 definition to enforce the Federal Motor Carrier Regulations. This definition recognizes that Commercial Motor Vehicles as being greater than 10,000 lbs and *used for commerce*. An example of these vehicles would be produce delivery trucks, lumber trucks, furniture delivery trucks and most large courier vehicles. The Alaska Department of Revenue estimated that this tax would only bring \$50,000 of taxes revenue into the state and it would be contributed by the smallest companies. Large companies are able to change out broken machines; small companies are forced to rent them.

I hope you would consider drafting an amendment to prevent taxing small transportation companies. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alaska Trucking Association

Michael Bell
Director

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April 7, 2004

Via Mail & Facsimile No.: 907-465-4714

Honorable Gary Wilken
Senate – State of Alaska
State Capitol – MS 3100 – Rm 518
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: HB 347, Exempting Taxicabs from the Passenger Vehicle Rental Tax

Dear Senator Wilken:

I represent the Anchorage Taxicab Permit Owners Association (ATPOA), whose members own many of the general taxicab permits issued by the Municipality of Anchorage, and whose members also own and maintain taxicab vehicles which are leased out to taxicab drivers (also known as "chauffeurs"). My clients ask that the Senate Finance Committee act promptly to assure passage, in this session, of HB 347, so that accidental taxation of local taxicab drivers under the Vehicle Rental Tax can be avoided.

Under the structure of the Anchorage taxicab industry, the drivers are not employees of a taxicab company or anyone else; they are independent contractors who profit from their own customer receipts. One of the costs borne by the taxicab drivers is the cost of leasing a taxicab from the owner of the cab, who also procures the insurance, taxicab permit rights, and maintains the vehicle. Most of the 158 general taxicabs in Anchorage are leased out in this fashion twice per day, once to a "day" driver and once to a "night" driver.

Unless the Vehicle Rental Tax passed last year by the Legislature is amended to exempt taxicabs from the Passenger Vehicle Rental Tax, it will wreak havoc with the Anchorage taxicab industry. According to its sponsor and the Administration, the Vehicle Rental Tax was not intended to be imposed upon taxicabs, but rather on typical vehicle rental transactions which would fall most heavily upon nonresident visitors. It was completely inadvertent, and a surprise to the sponsor, that the Vehicle Rental Tax would also technically apply to taxicab rentals, and in this context **fall exclusively upon Alaska resident taxicab drivers**. Most persons outside of the taxicab industry are not aware that a taxicab rental transaction is built into the commercial relationships in the industry, and the mistake was understandable. However, it is imperative that the mistake be promptly corrected.

April 7, 2004
Senator Gary Wilken
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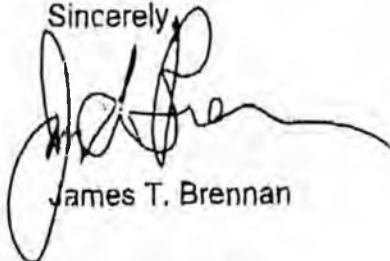
The demand for taxicab service in Anchorage has been flat for the last decade, and increasing insurance costs and costs of vehicles have made it difficult for taxicab drivers to make a suitable living after paying their lease costs and the increased costs of gasoline. Because of this, there is a near-crisis shortage of available, municipally-licensed taxicab chauffeurs in Anchorage. If the 10% Vehicle Rental Tax is imposed upon these drivers, it will result in a further loss of drivers, the inability to assign a driver to each permitted taxicab in Anchorage, and a loss of taxicab service to the public.

It is my understanding that HB 347 must be passed out of the Senate Finance Committee in the next week or so, in order to be timely taken up on the Senate Floor for passage this session. I am unaware of any substantive opposition to the Bill; it unanimously passed the House and the Administration supports it.

I further understand that your committee heard the Bill on March 9, and added an amendment to add cargo delivery trucks to the exemption. ATPOA takes no position on the amendment, but urges you to bring the matter to committee vote and timely refer it to the Senate Floor. Passage of HB 347 this session is vital to the taxicab industry in Anchorage, and perhaps in other Alaska cities as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



James T. Brennan

JTB:dp

cc: James Taylor, Chairman - ATPOA Steering Committee
27631 Sen. Lyda Green LR

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

HB 347-EXEMPT TAXIS FROM VEHICLE RENTAL TAX

NAME: Steve Porter Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: Dept of Revenue Phone: 465-2365
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: _____ Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

HB 347-EXEMPT TAXIS FROM VEHICLE RENTAL TAX

✓ NAME: LANDA BAILY Subject/Bill No: HB 347
Co./Dept./Title: Dept Revenue Phone: 465-2302
Address: _____ Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: _____ Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: _____ Subject/Bill No: _____
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Address: _____ Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: _____ Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

