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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: March 18, 2005

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/1/05

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 178

HOUSE BILL NO. 178

SPECIAL REQUEST LICENSE PLATES

"An Act relating to special motor vehicle registration plates; and providing for an effective date."

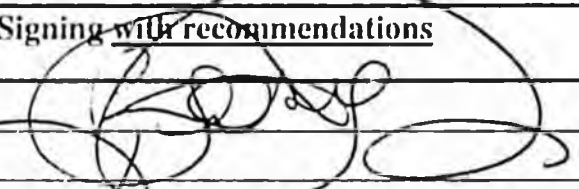
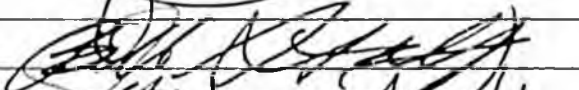

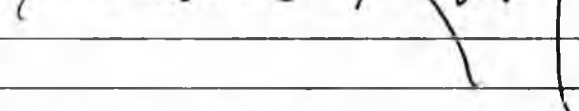
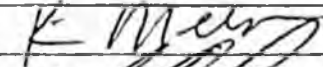
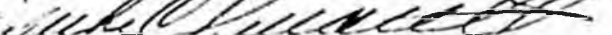
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- [ ] add new referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- [ ] Letter of Intent \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

List of Abbrev for Depts.:  
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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: CSHB 178 (FIN)  
 () Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
 Title Act relating to the registration RDU Division of Motor Vehicles  
and registration plates for certain Component Motor Vehicles  
 Sponsor Rep. Olson  
 Requester (H) Finance Component No. 2348

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (1156)</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1156 Receipt supported services	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will allow the greater use of personal, specialty and veteran license plates. Current Statutes limit what type or class of vehicle may use such plates. With this correction, all plates approved by the Department will be available for all motor vehicle registration. Change in Capital Expenditures and Revenue increase are due to additional projected plate sales. (1500 additional sets of plates in FY 06 & 07) One time change in Operating Expenditures will pay for programming changes required.

Revised 4/1 to reflect change of Purple Heart plate fee discontinued. Decrease in revenue is projected to be \$1.5 annually (50 new sets @ \$30.00 / set). No other changes are expected as a result.

Prepared by: Duane Bannock, Director Phone 269 5008  
 Division: Motor Vehicles Date/Time 4/1/05 8:54 AM  
 Approved by: Michael Tibbles, Deputy Commissioner Date 4/1/2005  
 Agency: Department of Administration

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<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>
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Prepared by: Duane Bannock, Director Phone 269 5008  
Division Motor Vehicles Date/Time 3/17/05 7:56 AM  
Approved by: Michael Tibbles, Deputy Commissioner Date 3/17/2005  
Agency Department of Administration

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 178(STA)  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/18/05  
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE OLSON

*3-31-05  
Conceptual Amendment  
adopted  
p. 6, line 1  
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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

5 (a) The department shall register unique and special vehicles and vehicles  
6 used for special purposes and issue registration plates as provided in this section.  
7 Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, registration plates issued under this  
8 section remain with the person or organization to whom they are issued when vehicle  
9 ownership is transferred or title or interest in the vehicle is assigned, except for plates  
10 issued under (b), (h) and (i) of this section. Registration plates issued under this  
11 section may not be used on, or transferred to, a vehicle other than the vehicle for  
12 which the plates are issued without the approval of the department and payment of any  
13 required fees and taxes prescribed in AS 28.10.421(d), 28.10.431 and 28.10.441 [;  
14 HOWEVER, IF THE PLATES ISSUED UNDER (c), (f) AND (j) OF THIS

1 SECTION ARE TRANSFERRED TO A VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE  
 2 REGISTRATION FEE IS MORE THAN THE FEE FOR THE VEHICLE FROM  
 3 WHICH THE PLATES ARE TRANSFERRED, THE OWNER SHALL PAY THE  
 4 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO FEES]. Registration plates issued under this  
 5 section to which a person is no longer entitled or the transfer of the plates to another  
 6 vehicle that [WHICH] the department does not approve shall be returned immediately  
 7 to the department by the person or organization to whom the plates were originally  
 8 issued.

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 28.10.181(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) Special request plates. Upon application by the owner of a motor  
 11 [PASSENGER] vehicle [, MOTORCYCLE, NONCOMMERCIAL VAN OR PICK-  
 12 UP TRUCK, OR MOTOR HOME], the department shall design and issue registration  
 13 plates containing a series of not more than six letters or numbers or combination of  
 14 letters and numbers as requested by the owner. The department may, in its discretion,  
 15 disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested  
 16 symbols are a duplication of an existing registration or when the symbols are  
 17 considered unacceptable by the department.

18 \* Sec. 3. AS 28.10.181(d) is amended to read:

19 (d) Vehicles owned by veterans with disabilities, including persons disabled in  
 20 the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with  
 21 disabilities. Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the  
 22 ability to walk, as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one  
 23 motor [PASSENGER] vehicle in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue  
 24 a specially designed registration plate that displays (A) recognition of the disabled  
 25 veteran if the applicant's disability originated from the applicant's service with the  
 26 Alaska Territorial Guard or the armed forces of the United States; (B) the international  
 27 symbol of accessibility (the wheelchair logo); and (C) if the applicant is a veteran, the  
 28 Alaska and United States flags and red, white, and blue colors. A person who is not  
 29 otherwise qualified under this subsection, but who meets the qualifications of a  
 30 disabled veteran under AS 29.45.030(i), may register one motor [PASSENGER]  
 31 vehicle without charge, and the department shall issue a specially designed registration

1 plate that displays recognition of the disabled veteran that does not display the  
2 international symbol of accessibility and does not carry with it special parking  
3 privileges. For purposes of this subsection, proof of disability may be provided by a  
4 person licensed as a physician or physician assistant under AS 08.64 or as an advanced  
5 nurse practitioner under AS 08.68.

6 \* Sec. 4. AS 28.10.181(f) is amended to read:

7 (f) Vehicles owned by elected state officials. The department shall issue  
8 special registration plates to each incumbent elected state official for display on  
9 [NONCOMMERCIAL] motor vehicles owned and driven by the official. The  
10 department shall number or design the plates so that registration by an elected state  
11 official is indicated upon the plates. The registration plates issued under this  
12 subsection may remain on [WITH THE OWNER OF] the vehicle only during the  
13 official's term of office.

14 \* Sec. 5. AS 28.10.181(m) is amended to read:

15 (m) Special request plates for Alaska National Guard personnel. Upon  
16 application by the owner of a motor [PASSENGER] vehicle [, NONCOMMERCIAL  
17 VAN OR PICK-UP TRUCK, OR MOTOR HOME] who presents satisfactory proof of  
18 current membership in the Alaska National Guard, the department may design and  
19 issue registration plates that identify the vehicle as registered to a member of the  
20 Alaska National Guard.

21 \* Sec. 6. AS 28.10.181(o) is amended to read:

22 (o) Special request university plates. Upon application by the owner of a  
23 motor [PASSENGER] vehicle, [VAN OR PICK-UP TRUCK, OR MOTOR HOME,]  
24 the department may design and issue registration plates representing the University of  
25 Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Southeast, or  
26 Prince William Sound Community College. The department may disapprove the  
27 issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a  
28 duplication of an existing registration.

29 \* Sec. 7. AS 28.10.181(p) is amended to read:

30 (p) Vehicles owned by veterans. The department, upon receipt of written  
31 proof that the veteran is a sole or joint owner of a [NONCOMMERCIAL] motor

1 vehicle, shall issue special registration plates for the [NONCOMMERCIAL] motor  
 2 vehicle to a requesting person who is a veteran or retired veteran of the armed forces  
 3 of the United States. The commissioner, after consulting with the director of the  
 4 division of veterans affairs, shall determine the design and color of the veteran or  
 5 retired veteran plates.

6 \* Sec. 8. AS 28.10.181(q) is amended to read:

7 (q) Vehicles owned by recipients of the Purple Heart. The department, upon  
 8 receipt of written proof that the person is the sole or joint owner of a  
 9 [NONCOMMERCIAL] motor vehicle, shall issue special registration plates for the  
 10 [NONCOMMERCIAL] motor vehicle to a requesting person who has received the  
 11 Purple Heart medal awarded for wounds suffered in action against an armed enemy or  
 12 as a result of the hostile action of an armed enemy. The commissioner, after  
 13 consulting with the director of the division of veterans affairs, shall determine the  
 14 design and color of the Purple Heart medal recipient plates.

15 \* Sec. 9. AS 28.10.181(s) is amended to read:

16 (s) Special request dog mushing plates. Upon application by the owner of a  
 17 motor [PASSENGER] vehicle, [VAN OR PICK-UP TRUCK, OR MOTOR HOME,]  
 18 the department may design and issue registration plates representing the sport of dog  
 19 mushing in the state. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration  
 20 plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing  
 21 registration.

22 \* Sec. 10. AS 28.10.181(t) is amended to read:

23 (t) Special request Alaska children's trust plates. Upon application by the  
 24 owner of a motor [PASSENGER] vehicle [, NONCOMMERCIAL VAN OR PICK-  
 25 UP TRUCK, OR MOTOR HOME], the department may design and issue registration  
 26 plates representing the Alaska children's trust under AS 37.14.200. The department  
 27 may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the  
 28 requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

29 \* Sec. 11. AS 28.10.181(u) is amended to read:

30 (u) Special request plates commemorating the arts. Upon application by the  
 31 owner of a motor [PASSENGER] vehicle [, VAN OR PICK-UP TRUCK, OR

1 MOTOR HOME], the department may issue registration plates commemorating the  
2 arts. The commissioner, after consulting with the Alaska State Council on the Arts,  
3 shall determine the design and color of plates commemorating the arts. The  
4 department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection  
5 when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

6 \* Sec. 12. AS 28.10.181(w) is amended to read:

7 (w) Special request plates commemorating Alaska veterans. Upon application  
8 by the owner of a motor [PASSENGER] vehicle, [VAN, PICK-UP TRUCK, OR  
9 MOTOR HOME,] the department may issue registration plates commemorating  
10 Alaska veterans. The commissioner shall determine the design and color of plates  
11 commemorating Alaska veterans. The department may disapprove the issuance of  
12 registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of  
13 an existing registration.

14 \* Sec. 13. AS 28.10.421(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) The special registration fees under this subsection are imposed biennially,  
16 unless otherwise specified, for

17 (1) a historic vehicle registered under

18 (A) AS 28.10.181(b)(1) and that is driven or moved on a  
19 highway for the primary purpose of historical exhibition or similar activity,  
20 one time only upon initial registration under AS 28.10.181(b) ..... \$10;

21 (B) AS 28.10.181(b)(2) ..... \$30  
22 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section, unless the  
23 historic vehicle is eligible for the fee described under (C) of this paragraph; the  
24 fee required by this subparagraph shall be collected only on the first issuance  
25 and on the replacement of the historic plates;

26 (C) AS 28.10.181(b)(2) and that is driven or moved on a  
27 highway for the primary purpose of historical exhibition or similar activity,  
28 one time only upon initial registration under AS 28.10.181(b) ..... \$10;

29 (2) special request plates for

30 (A) Alaska National Guard personnel ..... \$30;

31 (B) veterans or retired veterans ..... \$30;

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- (C) recipients of the Purple Heart ..... \$30;
- (D) owners of custom collector vehicles ..... \$50;
- (E) other special request plates ..... \$30;

plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the replacement of special request plates;

(3) a vehicle owned by a person with a disability and registered under AS 28.10.181(d), or by a resident 65 years of age or older who files a written application for an exemption on a form prescribed by the department ..... none;

(4) a vehicle owned by the state ..... none;

(5) a vehicle owned by an elected state official .....  
..... the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section;

(6) a vehicle owned by a rancher, farmer, or dairyman and registered under AS 28.10.181 ..... \$68;

(7) a snowmobile or off-highway vehicle ..... \$10

(8) an amateur mobile radio station vehicle,

(A) with a transceiver capable of less than 5-band operation  
.....the fee required for that vehicle under (b) or (c) of this section;

(B) in recognition of service to the public a mobile amateur radio station owned by an amateur with general class or higher license, provided the station must be satisfactorily proved capable of operating on at least five bands from 160 through 10 meters, must have an antenna, and must have a power supply and wiring as a permanent part of the vehicle; the transmitting unit may be removed from the car for service or dry storage  
.....none  
for a mobile amateur radio station vehicle included in (b) (1) or (2) of this section;

(9) dealer registration plates

(A) the initial set of plates ..... \$88;

(B) each subsequent set of plates ..... \$50;

(10) a vehicle owned by a municipality or charitable organization

1 meeting the requirements of AS 28.10.181(e) ..... \$10;

2 (11) a vehicle owned by a Pearl Harbor survivor or a former prisoner

3 of war ..... none;

4 (12) special request university plates ..... \$50

5 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) [(b)(1) OR (2)] of this

6 section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance

7 and on the replacement of special request plates; the commissioner of administration

8 shall separately account by university campus designation for the fees received under

9 this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated

10 balance in the accounts that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request

11 university plates may be appropriated by the legislature for the support of programs at

12 each campus;

13 (13) special request dog mushing plates ..... \$50

14 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) [(b)(1) OR (2)] of this

15 section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance

16 and on the replacement of special request plates; the commissioner of administration

17 shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department

18 deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated

19 balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may

20 be appropriated by the legislature for the support of programs benefiting dog mushing;

21 (14) special request Alaska children's trust plates ..... \$100

22 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) [(b)(1) OR (2)] of this

23 section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance

24 and the replacement of special request plates; the commissioner of administration shall

25 separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department

26 deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated

27 balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may

28 be appropriated by the legislature into the principal of the Alaska children's trust under

29 AS 37.14.200;

30 (15) special request plates commemorating the arts ..... \$150

31 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) [(b)(1) OR (2)] of this

1 section; the fee required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same  
2 manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) [(b)(1) OR (2)] of this section; the  
3 commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under  
4 this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of  
5 this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of  
6 issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature for the support of  
7 programs benefiting the arts;

8 (16) special request plates commemorating Alaska veterans ..... \$100  
9 plus a fee of \$35 and the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) [(b)(1)  
10 OR (2)] of this section; the \$100 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only  
11 on the first issuance of and the replacement of the commemorative veterans' plates; the  
12 \$35 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as  
13 the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) [(b)(1) OR (2)] of this section; the  
14 commissioner of administration shall separately account for the fees received under  
15 this paragraph that the department deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of  
16 this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of  
17 issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature for the support of  
18 programs benefiting Alaska veterans.

19 \* Sec. 14. This Act takes effect July 1, 2005.

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## REPRESENTATIVE KURT OLSON

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Official Business

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### Sponsor Statement CSHB 178(STA) Special Request License Plates

The State of Alaska, Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is responsible for all motor vehicle registration. Part of the registration process includes the issuance of license plates displaying the registration identification (plate number) with the month and year of the vehicle's registration expiration. Currently the DMV is issuing the gold and blue "Last Frontier" plate as the standard plate, which is included in the cost of registering the vehicle.

Passenger vehicle owners interested in plates other than the standard "Last Frontier" plate have several options. DMV currently offers 32 specialty plates including veteran's plates, recipient of the Purple Heart, collector vehicles, children's trust plates and university plates. Some of the specialty plates are available to only those that meet certain criteria (e.g. veterans plates) and others are sold as revenue generators for a specific purpose (e.g. a portion of the fee for plates commemorating Alaska veterans may be appropriated to programs benefiting Alaska veterans). The purchase of these plates is separate from the fee for the vehicle registration. In addition to the specialty plates, passenger vehicle owners are able to purchase "vanity" plates that display up to six characters as requested by the vehicle owner.

Owners of vehicles used in commercial activities do not have the same options above as owners of passenger vehicles. The statute restricts the use of "vanity" plates and the use of most specialty plates to passenger vehicles, motorcycles, noncommercial vans or pick-ups, or motor homes.

This bill will change that practice. It will allow all motor vehicles subject to registration the opportunity to display the standard, "vanity" or a specialty plate offered by the DMV. Each additional plate sold will generate additional revenue for the State of Alaska.

While being heard in House State Affairs, this bill was amended to allow elected state official's registration plates to be retained after they have expired.

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS  
CSHB 178(STA)  
SPECIAL REQUEST LICENSE PLATES

- \* Sec. 1 - Removes unnecessary language from Vehicle Registration and Title Statute 28.10.181(b). Also makes a technical change.
- \* Sec. 2 - Permits owner of any motor vehicle to purchase "vanity" plates.
- \* Sec. 3 - Permits owner of any motor vehicle to purchase veterans with disabilities, disabled while in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or disability plates, if qualified.
- \* Sec. 4 - Removes the requirement that elected state officials use their plates only on non-commercial vehicles. Allows an elected official to retain their plates after they have expired.
- \* Sec. 5 - Allows Alaska National Guard personnel specialty plates on any motor vehicle.
- \* Sec. 6 - Allows special request university plates on any motor vehicle.
- \* Sec. 7 - Removes the requirement that veterans use their specialty plates only on non-commercial vehicles.
- \* Sec. 8 - Same as above for recipients of the Purple Heart specialty plates.
- \* Sec. 9 - Permits dog mushing plates on any motor vehicle.
- \* Sec. 10 - Permits Alaska children's trust plates on any motor vehicle.
- \* Sec. 11 - Same as above for special plates commemorating the arts.
- \* Sec. 12 - Same for Alaska Veterans plates.
- \* Sec. 13 - States that commercial registration fees must be paid in addition to specialty plate fee.
- \* Sec. 14 - July 1-2005 effective date.

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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
Title: Act relating to the registration RDU: Division of Motor Vehicles  
and registration plates for certain Component: Motor Vehicles  
Sponsor: Rep Olson  
Requester: \_\_\_\_\_ Component No.: 2348

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>
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**FUND SOURCE** (-1,005) (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other 1156 Receipt supported services	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will allow the greater use of personal, speciality and veteran license plates. Current Statutes limit what type or class of vehicle may use such plates. With this correction, all plates approved by the Department will be available for all motor vehicle registration.

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### Sponsor Statement CSHB 178(STA) Special Request License Plates

The State of Alaska, Department of Administration, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is responsible for all motor vehicle registration. Part of the registration process includes the issuance of license plates displaying the registration identification (plate number) with the month and year of the vehicle's registration expiration. Currently the DMV is issuing the gold and blue "Last Frontier" plate as the standard plate, which is included in the cost of registering the vehicle.

Passenger vehicle owners interested in plates other than the standard "Last Frontier" plate have several options. DMV currently offers 32 specialty plates including veteran's plates, recipient of the Purple Heart, collector vehicles, children's trust plates and university plates. Some of the specialty plates are available to only those that meet certain criteria (e.g. veterans plates) and others are sold as revenue generators for a specific purpose (e.g. a portion of the fee for plates commemorating Alaska veterans may be appropriated to programs benefiting Alaska veterans). The purchase of these plates is separate from the fee for the vehicle registration. In addition to the specialty plates, passenger vehicle owners are able to purchase "vanity" plates that display up to six characters as requested by the vehicle owner.

Owners of vehicles used in commercial activities do not have the same options above as owners of passenger vehicles. The statute restricts the use of "vanity" plates and the use of most specialty plates to passenger vehicles, motorcycles, noncommercial vans or pick-ups, or motor homes.

This bill will change that practice. It will allow all motor vehicles subject to registration the opportunity to display the standard, "vanity" or a specialty plate offered by the DMV. Each additional plate sold will generate additional revenue for the State of Alaska.

While being heard in House State Affairs, this bill was amended to allow elected state official's registration plates to be retained after they have expired.

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS  
CSHB 178(STA)  
SPECIAL REQUEST LICENSE PLATES

- \* Sec. 1 - Removes unnecessary language from Vehicle Registration and Title Statute 28.10.181(b). Also makes a technical change.
- \* Sec. 2 - Permits owner of any motor vehicle to purchase "vanity" plates.
- \* Sec. 3 - Permits owner of any motor vehicle to purchase veterans with disabilities, disabled while in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or disability plates, if qualified.
- \* Sec. 4 - Removes the requirement that elected state officials use their plates only on non-commercial vehicles. Allows an elected official to retain their plates after they have expired.
- \* Sec. 5 - Allows Alaska National Guard personnel specialty plates on any motor vehicle.
- \* Sec. 6 - Allows special request university plates on any motor vehicle.
- \* Sec. 7 - Removes the requirement that veterans use their specialty plates only on non-commercial vehicles.
- \* Sec. 8 - Same as above for recipients of the Purple Heart specialty plates.
- \* Sec. 9 - Permits dog mushing plates on any motor vehicle.
- \* Sec. 10 - Permits Alaska children's trust plates on any motor vehicle.
- \* Sec. 11 - Same as above for special plates commemorating the arts.
- \* Sec. 12 - Same for Alaska Veterans plates.
- \* Sec. 13 - States that commercial registration fees must be paid in addition to specialty plate fee.
- \* Sec. 14 - July 1-2005 effective date.