

**HB**

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**SECTIONAL ANALYSIS**  
**CSHB 178(STA) am**  
**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 - Allows elected state officials to use their plates on vehicles which are not visually identifiable as 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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### Sponsor Statement CSHB 178(STA) AM 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.

This bill was amended to allow elected state official's registration plates to be retained after they have expired. Elected state officials may not display their special plates on visually identifiable commercial vehicles.

# FISCAL NOTE

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

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
 Bill Version: CSHB 178(FIN)  
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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 (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 Receipts 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  
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**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.

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