

**SB**

**49**

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**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY**

**Introduced:**  
**Referred:**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State**  
2 **Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 49, relating to commemorative license plates**  
3 **celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary as a state.**

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 Senate Bill No. 49, relating to  
8 commemorative license plates celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary as a state.

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Representative Kyle Johansen  
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From: Buddy Ruaro

Date: 3/5/07

Pages Sent: 8

Comments: Original bill and amendment  
language that Rep. Johansen would  
like to offer.

**Amendment  
Language To Be  
Offered By Rep.  
Johansen**

**Adding Medal of  
Honor Recipients to  
List of Persons  
Eligible To Receive  
Special Plates**

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: CSSB 49(STA)

1 Page 1, lines 1 - 7

2 Delete all material.

3 Insert ""An Act relating to motor vehicle license plates; and providing for an  
4 effective date.""

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6 Page 1, line 6, following "of":

7 Insert "secs. 1 - 3 and 7 - 10"

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9 Page 2, following line 26:

10 Insert new bill sections to read:

11 **\* Sec. 4.** AS 28.10.181(l) is amended to read:

12 (l) Vehicles owned by Pearl Harbor survivors, [AND] former prisoners of war,  
13 and Medal of Honor recipients. The department, upon receipt of written proof, shall  
14 issue without charge special registration plates for one noncommercial motor vehicle  
15 to a person who was on active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941,  
16 [OR] who has been a prisoner of war during a declared war or other conflict, as  
17 determined by the Department of Defense under federal regulations, or who is the  
18 recipient of the Medal of Honor awarded by the President of the United States in  
19 the name of the United States Congress. The design and color of the Pearl Harbor  
20 survivor, [OR] prisoner of war, or Medal of Honor awarded by the President of the  
21 United States in the name of the United States Congress recipient plates shall be  
22 solely within the discretion of the commissioner.

23 **\* Sec. 5.** AS 28.10.421(d)(2) is amended to read:

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- (2) special request plates for
  - (A) Alaska National Guard personnel ..... \$30;
  - (B) veterans or retired veterans ..... \$30;
  - (C) recipients of the Purple Heart ..... **none** [\$30];
  - (D) owners of custom collector vehicles ..... \$50;
  - (E) other special request plates ..... \$30;

plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) 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;

\* Sec. 6. AS 28.10.421(d)(11) is amended to read:

(11) a vehicle owned by a Pearl Harbor survivor, [OR] a former prisoner of war, or a recipient of the Medal of Honor awarded by the President of the United States in the name of the United States Congress none;"

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 3, line 24:

Delete "sec. 7"

Insert "sec. 10"

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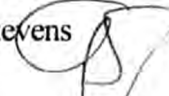


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Senator Gary Stevens  
Senate Majority Leader

## Memo

To: Representative Kyle Johansen, Chair, House Transportation Committee  
From: Senator Gary Stevens   
Date: March 1, 2007  Stevens  
Re: SB 49 7

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I respectfully request a House Transportation Committee hearing on SB 49: "An Act relating to commemorative license plates celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary as a state; and providing for an effective date" at your earliest convenience.

Enclosed is a copy of the bill, sectional analysis, fiscal note, letter of support from the Statehood Celebration Commission and a picture of the proposed license plate. I anticipate having testimony in support of this legislation by Gail Phillips of the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission, and Duane Bannock, Director of the Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles through the Legislative Affairs Agency teleconference line. Mr. Bannock may also have a mock-up of the plate available in the near future. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact my aide Doug Letch at extension 1283 with any questions you may have.

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**Sponsor Statement for CS for SB 49 (STA)**  
**(Updated on February 26, 2007)**

**“An Act relating to commemorative license plates celebrating  
Alaska’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a state”**

In 2009, Alaska will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the 49<sup>th</sup> state of the United States of America. To mark this historic occasion, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislature created the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission to organize, plan and administer all official state activities leading up to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alaska statehood. In the spirit of celebrating our landmark anniversary, the commission recommends the state issue a commemorative license plate.

Senate Bill 49 gives the Division of Motor Vehicles statutory authority to issue a special license plate commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alaska’s statehood. The Division, in consultation with the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission, has determined the design and color of the commemorative plate. The Division will begin to issue the commemorative license plate on January 1, 2008.

I urge your support of this important legislation.

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### **Sectional Analysis for CS for SB 49 (STA)**

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**Section 1.** Adds a purpose clause.

**Section 2.** Amends AS 28.10.161(b) to require that passenger vehicle plates issued after 8/1/2007 shall be a commemorative 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary statehood plate. This section sunsets in 2010 when sec. 3 springs into effect.

**Section 3.** In 2010, reverts the design of passenger vehicle license plates to the current design once the commemorative period is finished.

**Sections 4 – 5.** Provides directions to the Department of Administration to handle the transition

**Section 6.** Provides an instruction for the Revisor of Statutes.

**Sections 7 – 8.** Provides effective dates.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: SB 49  
 (S) Publish Date: 1/24/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
 Title: "An Act relating to commemorative license plates celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary..." RDU: Division of Motor Vehicles  
 Component: Motor Vehicles  
 Sponsor: Sen. Gary Stevens  
 Requester: (S) State Affairs Component No.: 2348

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</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>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</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 (FY2007) cost: 0.0  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This legislation will change the design of the 'standard issue' Alaska license plate. There is no additional cost associated with this bill, as license plates are an annual budget item.

This new design, '50th Anniversary' will be available through 12/31/2009, when the law reverts back to the traditional 'Last Frontier' plate

Prepared by: Duane Bannock Phone 269 5008  
 Division: Motor Vehicles Date/Time 1/22/07 8:00 AM  
 Approved by: Annette Kreitzer, Commissioner Date 1/22/2007  
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January 22, 2007

Frank H. Muckowski, Governor  
William Noll, Commissioner

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**Testimony in support of SB 49 – Commemorative License  
Plates Celebrating Alaska's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a State**

The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission has been working with the Department of Motor Vehicles for the past year to design an appropriate commemorative license plate for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

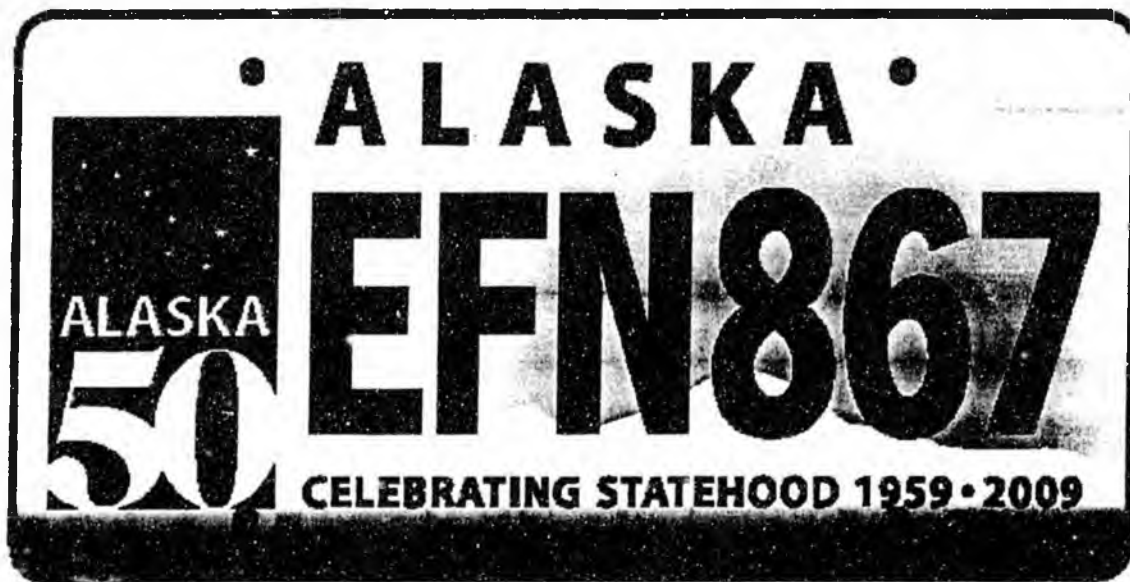
It is the intent of the Commission that these commemorative plates will be the primary license plate issued by the Department throughout the period of time set aside for the celebration which will begin in January 2008 and culminate mid-year in 2009.

The celebration plates will clearly reflect Alaska's 50 years of statehood in addition to acknowledging Alaska's place in the Union of States.

Your affirmative action in approving this legislation will be greatly appreciated. It is quite appropriate that the bill number of this piece of legislation is "49" in honor of our statehood. If you have further questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me.

**Gail Phillips  
Chairman  
The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission**





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# MEMO

**Dated:** March 4, 2007

**To:** Tamara Cook  
Director, Legislative Legal and Research Services

**From:** Representative Kyle Johansen 

**Re:** Preparing a CS for SB 49

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Dear Tam:

Enclosed is amendment language that I would like rolled into a committee substitute for SB 49. Thank you.



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## A Brief History — The Medal of Honor\*

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The first formal system for rewarding acts of individual gallantry by the nation's fighting men was established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782. Designed to recognize "any singularly meritorious action," the award consisted of a purple cloth heart. Records show that only three persons received the ward: Sergeant Elijah Churchill, Sergeant William Brown, and Sergeant Daniel Bissel Jr.

The Badge of Military Merit, as it was called, fell into oblivion until 1932, when General Douglas MacArthur, then Army Chief of Staff, pressed for its revival. Officially reinstated on February 22, 1932, the now familiar Purple Heart was at first an Army award, given to those who had been wounded in World War I or who possessed a Meritorious Service Citation Certificate. In 1943, the order was amended to include personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Coverage was eventually extended to include all services and "any civilian national" wounded while serving with the Armed Forces.

Although the Badge of Military Merit fell into disuse after the Revolutionary War, the idea of a decoration for individual gallantry remained through the early 1800s. In 1847, after the outbreak of the Mexican-American War, a "certificate of merit" was established for any soldier who distinguished himself in action. No medal went with the honor. After the Mexican-American War, the award was discontinued, which meant there was no military award with which to recognize the nation's fighting men.

Early in the Civil War, a medal for individual valor was proposed to General-in-Chief of the Army Winfield Scott. But Scott felt medals smacked of European affectation and killed the idea.

The medal found support in the Navy, however, where it was felt recognition of courage in strife was needed. Public Resolution 82, containing a provision for a Navy medal of valor, was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on December 21, 1861. The medal was "to be bestowed upon such petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and Marines as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry and other seamanlike qualities during the present war."

Shortly after this, a resolution similar in wording was introduced on behalf of the Army. Signed into law July 12, 1862, the measure provided for awarding a medal of honor "to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldierlike qualities, during the present insurrection."

Although it was created for the Civil War, Congress made the Medal of Honor a permanent decoration in 1863.

Almost 3,400 men and one woman have received the award for heroic actions in the nation's battles since that time.

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\* Quoted from "Armed Forces Decorations and Awards," a publication of the American Forces Information Service. Copies of the pamphlet are available upon request (in print format only), via the "DefenseLINK Comment/Question Form" in the "Questions" section.

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Authorized by Special Acts of Congress



\*MITCHELL, WILLIAM

AN ACT Authorizing the President of the United States to award posthumously in the name of Congress a Medal of Honor to William Mitchell.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is requested to cause a gold medal to be struck, with suitable emblem, devices and inscriptions, to be presented to the late William Mitchell, formerly a Colonel, United States Army, in recognition of his outstanding pioneer service and foresight in the field of American military aviation.

SEC. 2. When the medal provided for in section 1 of this Act shall have been struck, the President shall transmit the same to William Mitchell, Junior, son of the said William Mitchell, to be presented to him in the name of the people of the United States.

SEC. 3. A sufficient sum of money to carry this Act into effect is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved August 8, 1946. Private Law 884.

MEDALS OF HONOR AWARDED TO UNKNOWNNS

BELGIUM

\* \* \* By virtue of the authority vested by law in the President of the United States, the Congressional Medal of Honor, emblem of the highest military ideals and virtues, is bestowed in the name of the Congress of the United States upon the unknown, unidentified Belgian soldier in a desire to add all that is possible to the imperishable glory won by the soldiers of Belgium who fought as comrades of the American soldiers during the World War, and to commemorate with them the deeds of the nations associated with the United States of America, by paying this tribute to their unknown dead (A.G. 220.523) (War Department General Orders, No. 52, 1 Dec. 1922, Sec. 1).

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE

\* \* \* By virtue of an act of Congress approved 4 March 1921, the Medal of Honor, emblem of highest ideals and virtues, is bestowed in the name of the Congress of the United States upon the unknown, unidentified British soldier and French soldier buried, respectively, in Westminster Abbey and Arc de Triomphe.

Whereas: Great Britain and France, two of the Allies of the United States in the World War, have lately done honor to the unknown dead of their armies by placing with fitting ceremony the body of an unknown, unidentified soldier, respectively, in Westminster Abbey and in the Arc de Triomphe; and

Whereas: animated by the same spirit of comradeship in which we of the American forces fought alongside the Allies, we desire to add whatever we can to the imperishable glory won by the deeds of our Allies and commemorate in part by this tribute to their unknown

dead: Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States of America be, and he hereby is, authorized to bestow with appropriate ceremonies, military and civil, the Congressional Medal of Honor upon the unknown, unidentified British soldier buried in Westminster Abbey, London, England, and upon the unknown, unidentified French soldier buried in the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, France (A.G. 220.523) (War Department General Orders, No. 52, 1 Dec. 1922, Sec. II).

\* \* \* By virtue of a joint resolution of Congress, approved 12 October 1921, the Medal of Honor, emblem of highest ideals and virtues, is bestowed in the name of the Congress of the United States upon the unknown, unidentified Italian soldier to be buried in the National Monument to Victor Emanuel II, in Rome.

Whereas the Congress has authorized the bestowal of the Congressional Medal of Honor upon unknown, unidentified British and French soldiers buried in Westminster Abbey, London, England, and the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, France, respectively, who fought beside our soldiers in the recent war, and

Whereas, animated by the same spirit of friendship toward the soldiers of Italy who also fought as comrades of the American soldiers during the World War, we desire to add whatever we can to the imperishable glory won by their deeds and to participate in paying tribute to their unknown dead: Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to bestow, with appropriate ceremonies, military and civil, the Congressional Medal of Honor upon the unknown, unidentified Italian soldier to be buried in the National Monument to Victor Emanuel II, in Rome, Italy (A.G. 220.523) (War Department General Orders, No. 52, 1 Dec. 1922, Sec. II)

#### RUMANIA

\* \* \* By virtue of the authority vested by law in the President of the United States, the Congressional Medal of Honor, emblem of the highest military ideals and virtues, is bestowed in the name of the Congress of the United States upon the unknown, unidentified Rumanian soldier in a desire to add all that is possible to the imperishable glory won by the soldiers of Rumania who fought as comrades of the American soldiers during the World War, and to commemorate with them the deeds of the nations associated with the United States of America, by paying this tribute to their unknown dead (A.G. 220.52, 17 May 1923) (War Department General Orders, No. 22, 6 June 1923).

#### UNITED STATES

\* \* \* By virtue of an act of Congress approved 24 August 1921, the Medal of Honor, emblem of highest ideals and virtues is bestowed in the name of the Congress of the United States upon the unknown American, typifying the gallantry and intrepidity, at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty, of our beloved heroes who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War. They died in order that others might live (293.8, A.G.O.) (War Department General Orders, No. 59, 13 Dec. 1921, sec. I).

AN ACT To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life while serving overseas in the armed forces of the United States during the Second World War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized and directed to award, in the name of Congress, a Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life while

...serving overseas in the armed forces of the United States during the Second World War, and who will lie buried in the Memorial Amphitheater of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, as authorized by the Act of June 24, 1946, Public Law 429, Seventy-ninth Congress.

Approved March 9, 1948. Public Law 438, 80th Congress.

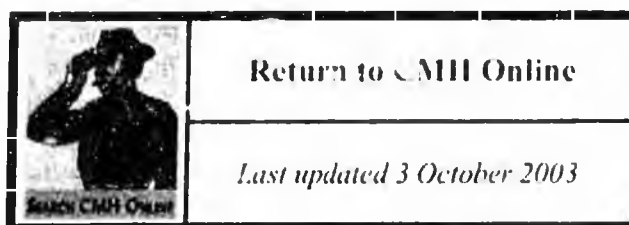
AN ACT To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life while serving overseas in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Korean conflict.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized and directed to award, in the name of the Congress, a Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life while serving overseas in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Korean conflict, and who will lie buried in the Memorial Amphitheater of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, as authorized by the Act of August 3, 1956, Public Law 975, Eighty-fourth Congress.

Approved August 31, 1957. Public Law 85\_251.

AN ACT To authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam era and who has been selected to be buried in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized and directed to award, in the name of the Congress, a Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life while serving in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam era as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been selected to lie buried in the Memorial Amphitheater of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, as authorized by the National Cemeteries Act of 1973.



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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 49( )  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR STEVENS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

3 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
4 to read:

5 PURPOSE. It is the purpose of secs. 1 - 3 and 7 - 10 of this Act to establish  
6 commemorative license plates celebrating the 50th anniversary of Alaska's admission to the  
7 United States.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.161(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) Every passenger vehicle registration plate issued by the department after  
10 January 1, 2008, except as specifically provided in AS 28.10.181, shall have  
11 displayed upon it

12 (1) a design and color commemorating the 50th anniversary of  
13 Alaska's statehood and admittance into the United States; in determining the  
14 design and color of the registration plate, the commissioner shall consult with the  
15 Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission [THE ALASKA FLAG;

1 (2) THE TRADITIONAL COLORS OF YELLOW-GOLD AND  
2 BLUE;

3 (3) THE SLOGAN "THE LAST FRONTIER";

4 (2) [(4)] the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is  
5 issued;

6 (3) [(5)] the name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and

7 (4) [(6)] the registration year number or expiration date for which time  
8 it is validated; the registration year number or expiration date may be part of the  
9 license plate or contained on a suitable sticker or tab device issued by the department;  
10 however, only one sticker or tab device may be issued for each pair of plates, and the  
11 sticker or tab device must be affixed to the rear plate.

12 \* Sec. 3. AS 28.10.161(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

13 (b) Every passenger vehicle registration plate, except as specifically provided  
14 in AS 28.10.181, shall have displayed upon it

15 (1) the Alaska flag;

16 (2) the traditional colors of yellow-gold and blue;

17 (3) the slogan "The Last Frontier";

18 (4) the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is  
19 issued;

20 (5) the name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and

21 (6) the registration year number or expiration date for which time it is  
22 validated; the registration year number or expiration date may be part of the license  
23 plate or contained on a suitable sticker or tab device issued by the department;  
24 however, only one sticker or tab device may be issued for each pair of plates, and the  
25 sticker or tab device must be affixed to the rear plate.

26 \* Sec. 4. AS 28.10.181(l) is amended to read:

27 (l) Vehicles owned by Pearl Harbor survivors, [AND] former prisoners of war,  
28 and Medal of Honor recipients. The department, upon receipt of written proof, shall  
29 issue without charge special registration plates for one noncommercial motor vehicle  
30 to a person who was on active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941,  
31 [OR] who has been a prisoner of war during a declared war or other conflict, as

1 determined by the Department of Defense under federal regulations, or who is the  
 2 recipient of the Medal of Honor awarded by the President of the United States in  
 3 the name of the United States Congress. The design and color of the Pearl Harbor  
 4 survivor, [OR] prisoner of war, or Medal of Honor awarded by the President of the  
 5 United States in the name of the United States Congress recipient plates shall be  
 6 solely within the discretion of the commissioner.

7 \* Sec. 5. AS 28.10.421(d)(2) is amended to read:

8 (2) special request plates for

- 9 (A) Alaska National Guard personnel ..... \$30;
- 10 (B) veterans or retired veterans ..... \$30;
- 11 (C) recipients of the Purple Heart ..... none [\$30];
- 12 (D) owners of custom collector vehicles ..... \$50;
- 13 (E) other special request plates ..... \$30;

14 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section; the fee required  
 15 by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the  
 16 replacement of special request plates;

17 \* Sec. 6. AS 28.10.421(d)(11) is amended to read:

18 (11) a vehicle owned by a Pearl Harbor survivor, [OR] a former  
 19 prisoner of war, or a recipient of the Medal of Honor awarded by the President of  
 20 the United States in the name of the United States Congress none;

21 \* Sec. 7. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 22 read:

23 TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 28.10.161(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act,  
 24 the Department of Administration may continue to issue passenger vehicle registration plates  
 25 as provided under AS 28.10.161(b) as it read immediately before the effective date of sec. 2  
 26 of this Act until the new registration plate required under AS 28.10.161(b), as amended by  
 27 sec. 2 of this Act, is available and until the Department of Administration issues the remaining  
 28 supply of passenger registration plates displaying the design and color required under  
 29 AS 28.10.161(b) as it read immediately before the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

30 \* Sec. 8. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 31 read:

1           TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 28.10.161(b), as amended by sec. 3 of this Act,  
2 the Department of Administration may continue to issue passenger vehicle registration plates  
3 as provided under AS 28.10.161(b) as it read immediately before the effective date of sec. 3  
4 of this Act until the new registration plate required under AS 28.10.161(b), as amended by  
5 sec. 3 of this Act, is available and until the Department of Administration issues the remaining  
6 supply of passenger registration plates displaying the design and color required under  
7 AS 28.10.161(b) as it read immediately before the effective date of sec. 3 of this Act.

8       \* **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
9 read:

10           INSTRUCTION TO REVISOR OF STATUTES AND INTENT OF THE  
11 LEGISLATURE. It is the intent of the legislature that by repealing and reenacting  
12 AS 28.10.161(b) in sec. 3 of this Act, the legislature does not intend to repeal intervening  
13 amendments to that section unless those amendments relate to the commemorative statehood  
14 anniversary license plate being repealed in that section. The revisor of statutes is instructed to  
15 give effect to intervening amendments unless those amendments relate to the commemorative  
16 statehood anniversary license plate.

17       \* **Sec. 10.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

18       \* **Sec. 11.** Except as provided in sec. 10 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under  
19 AS 01.10.070(c).



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



**SENATOR GARY STEVENS**  
Senate Majority Leader

## **SPONSOR STATEMENT**

### **Senate Bill 49**

(updated January 24, 2007)

**“An Act relating to commemorative license plates celebrating Alaska’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a state; and providing for an effective date.”**

In 2009, Alaska will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the 49<sup>th</sup> state of the United States of America. To mark this historic occasion, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislature created the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission to organize, plan and administer all official state activities leading up to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alaska statehood. In the spirit of celebrating our landmark anniversary, the commission recommends the state issue a commemorative license plate.

Senate Bill 49 gives the Division of Motor Vehicles statutory authority to issue a special license plate commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alaska’s statehood. The Division, in consultation with the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission, will determine the design and color of the commemorative plate. The Division will begin to issue the commemorative license plate on January 1, 2008.

I urge your support of this important legislation.

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Luckhaupt  
3/5/07

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHANSEN**

**Introduced:**  
**Referred:**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State**  
2 **Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 49, relating to commemorative license plates**  
3 **celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary as a state.**

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 Senate Bill No. 49, relating to  
8 commemorative license plates celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary as a state.

March 15, 2007

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

- We have one bill before the committee today. It is SB 49. There is a CS.
- The sponsor of SB 49 is Senator Gary Stevens. If the Senator is not present, my understanding is Mr. Letch will introduce the bill to the committee.
- After that, the committee aide will explain the changes made by the CS.

[COMMITTEE AIDE TESTIFIES]

- Mr. Letch, I know my office had advised you of the changes incorporated in the CS, do you have any objection to the CS?
- With that, I would entertain a motion to move the CS from committee, with attached fiscal notes, and any forthcoming notes from DMV.
- Since the CS also changes the title, and the bill originated in the Senate, we need to move a title change resolution as well.

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- Mr. Chairman, for the record, my name Randy Ruaro, aide for the House Transportation committee and staff to Rep. Johansen.
  - Mr. Chairman, if I could walk the committee through the CS.
  - The first change is to the title. The title is broadened to accommodate the additional subject matter incorporated into the bill. There is a title change resolution accompanying the bill that should be referenced in a motion to move the bill from committee.
  - The second change is to section 1. The purpose of the bill is broadened to accommodate the additional subject matter incorporated into the bill.

**Section 4**

- The third change is to add a new section 4. Section 4 of the CS adds vehicles owned by Alaskans who have won a Medal of Honor citation

to the list of vehicles that are entitled to registration status with the DMV as a unique or special vehicle under AS 28.10.181(l).

- Subsection (a) of AS 28.10.181 says that persons owning a unique or special vehicle are entitled to receive registration, i.e., license plates “as provided in this section”, i.e., AS 28.10.181.
- This change means Alaskan Pearl Harbor survivors, former POW’s, and Medal of Honor recipients could receive special license plates for their personal vehicle “without charge” by DMV.
- The design of the plate would be at the discretion of the commissioner of DMV.

### **Section 5**

- The fourth change is to add a new section 5. The new section 5 amends AS 28.10.421(d)(2) to delete the present \$30 vehicle registration fee that DMV currently charges recipients of the purple heart for vehicle registration fees.

### **Section 6**

- Adds recipients of the Medal of Honor to the list of Pearl Harbor survivors and former prisoners of war as persons who do not have to pay anything to have their vehicles registered.

**Randall Ruaro**

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**From:** Duane Bannock [duane\_bannock@admin.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2007 9:52 AM  
**To:** Randall Ruaro  
**Cc:** Christopher Clark  
**Subject:** Re: Fiscal note for House CS for CS for SB 49  
**Attachments:** SB092-DOA-DMV-3-9-07.xls

Here's what I sent to DoA for their approval, no increased cost, just a reflection of the (potential) decrease in revenue as a result of the Purple Heart and CMOH plates.

I'm off to another building, if you need me this am call my cell 398 2316,

Thanks

dab

Randall Ruaro wrote:

Chris, just a heads up:

If DMV submits a note for \$1,800, there is a good chance the committee will write its own note and zero it out. may be a better approach for a zero note from DMV with a note in the analysis section of the anticipated costs, but that the Department of Administration will find a way to cover the costs using existing resources.

Just a thought my friend.

Randy

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**From:** Christopher Clark [mailto:Christopher\_Clark@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2007 9:51 PM  
**To:** 'Duane Bannock'; Randall Ruaro  
**Cc:** 'Frank T Bailey'  
**Subject:** RE: Fiscal note for House CS for CS for SB 49

Do the fiscal note.

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**From:** Duane Bannock [mailto:duane\_bannock@admin.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2007 6:36 PM  
**To:** Randall Ruaro  
**Cc:** Christopher Clark; Frank T Bailey  
**Subject:** Re: Fiscal note for House CS for CS for SB 49

Hello,

I've reviewed the CS making changes to the cost of the Purple Heart Plate (was \$30 - now zero) and adding CMOH plates (not very many).

The FN would reflect a estimated decrease in revenue of \$1.5 for the new 'no-cost' PH plate (potentially 50/yr x \$30.00; there are only 500 now in use statewide) and \$0.3 for the set-up of a new CMOH plate.

I'm kinda' embarrassed to submit a \$1.8 FN on such a good bill.

Thoughts?

Duane  
269 5008

Randall Ruaro wrote:

Duane:

Sorry to bother you, but could you prepare a zero note for the House CS for CS for SB 49 for this Thursdays meeting of House Transportation at 1:30 p.m. To my knowledge there are only 3 medal of honor winners in the whole state.

Randy