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**Sponsor Statement for SB 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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Senator Gary Stevens  
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## Memo

To: Senator Albert Kookesh, Chair, Senate Transportation Committee  
From: Senator Gary Stevens   
Date: January 24, 2007  
Re: SB 49

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I respectfully request a Senate 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.

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.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

# FISCAL NOTE

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

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: SB 49  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
 Title "An Act relating to commemorative license RDU Division of Motor Vehicles  
plates celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary..." Component Motor Vehicles  
 Sponsor Sen. Gary Stevens  
 Requester (S) State Affairs Component No. 2348

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<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>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

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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  
 Agency: Department of Administration

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

**BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 1/24/07**

**Referred: Transportation, Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR STEVENS**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to commemorative license plates celebrating Alaska's 50th anniversary**  
2 **as a state; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

6 **PURPOSE.** It is the purpose of this Act to establish commemorative license plates  
7 celebrating the 50th anniversary of Alaska's admission to the 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

1 Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission [THE ALASKA FLAG;

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

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

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

7 (3) [(5)] the name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and

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

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

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

16 (1) the Alaska flag;

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

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

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

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

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

27 \* Sec. 4. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
28 read:

29 TRANSITION. Notwithstanding AS 28.10.161(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act,  
30 the Department of Administration may continue to issue passenger vehicle registration plates  
31 as provided under AS 28.10.161(b) as it read immediately before the effective date of sec. 2

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

5 \* Sec. 5. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
6 read:

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

14 \* Sec. 6. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
15 read:

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

23 \* Sec. 7. Section 3 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

24 \* Sec. 8. Except as provided in sec. 7 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under  
25 AS 01.10.070(c).

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## MEMORANDUM

January 18, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary - SB 49 (Work Order No. 25-LS0388A)

**TO:** Senator Gary Stevens

**FROM:** Gerald P. Luckhaup  
Legislative Counsel 

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill - the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

This bill creates commemorative license plates to honor Alaska's 50th anniversary as a state. The bill is based upon the procedure used by the legislature to create commemorative centennial gold rush license plates in 1996.

**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 50th anniversary statehood plate. This section sunsets in 2017 when sec. 3 springs into effect.

**Section 3.** In 2017, reverts the design of passenger vehicle license plates to the current design once the commemorative period is finished.

**Sections 4 - 5.** Provide directions to the Department of Administration to handle the transition.

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

**Sections 7 - 8.** Provide effective dates.

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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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