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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 180(STA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES SADDLER, Feige, Herron, Fairclough, Lynn

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act authorizing the Department of Administration to note a person's status as a**
2 **retired veteran or a veteran discharged under honorable conditions on the person's**
3 **driver's license or identification card and to provide certain information to the**
4 **Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; and providing for an effective date."**

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

6 *** Section 1.** AS 18.65.310 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (1) The department shall provide a designation on an identification card
8 identifying the person as a retired veteran or a veteran of the armed forces of the
9 United States discharged under honorable conditions. The department may not charge
10 a fee solely for the designation. To receive a veteran designation, the person shall
11 provide proof of veteran status that shows the person is retired or discharged under
12 honorable conditions. The department shall provide the name and address of a person
13 receiving a veteran designation under this subsection to the Department of Military
14 and Veterans' Affairs.

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.15.111 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

2 (c) The department shall provide a designation on a license identifying the
3 driver as a retired veteran or a veteran of the armed forces of the United States
4 discharged under honorable conditions. The department may not charge a fee solely
5 for the designation. To receive a veteran designation, the driver shall provide proof of
6 veteran status that shows that the person is retired or discharged under honorable
7 conditions. The department shall provide the name and address of a driver receiving a
8 veteran designation under this subsection to the Department of Military and Veterans'
9 Affairs.

10 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect March 1, 2012.

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Re FINAL CS for HB 180 (27-LS0589\I)

3/31/2011

HB 180 moved out of the House State Affairs Committee this morning with changes to Version I. Please draft a final CS with the following amendment included:

Conceptual Amendment #1 (Seaton)
Withdrawn

Conceptual Amendment #2 (Johansen)
Page 1 Line 11 after the word "provide" delete "a United States Department of Defense form DD-214 or DD-215 or a National Guard Bureau form NGB-22 to the department as"

Page 2 Line 6 after the word "provide" delete "a United States Department of Defense form DD-214 or DD-215 or a National Guard Bureau form NGB-22 to the department as"

So it would now read: ...shall provide proof of veteran status that shows...

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BY REPRESENTATIVE SADDLER

Introduced: 3/9/11

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1 **"An Act authorizing the Department of Administration to note a person's status as a**
2 **veteran on the person's driver's license and to provide certain information to the**
3 **Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 28.15.111 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (c) The department shall provide a designation on a license identifying the
7 driver as a veteran of the armed forces of the United States. The department may not
8 charge a fee for the designation. To receive a veteran designation, the driver shall
9 provide a United States Department of Defense form DD-214 or DD-215 to the
10 department as proof of veteran status. The department shall provide the name and
11 address of a driver receiving a veteran designation under this subsection to the
12 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

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Explanation of Changes in CSHB 180

“An Act authorizing the Department of Administration to note a person’s status as a veteran on the person’s driver’s license and to provide certain information to the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs.”

We want to expand the bill to apply to address issuance of driver’s licenses or state identification cards, to accommodate veterans who may not drive. Identification cards are addressed in Section 1 (*l*); driver’s licenses are addressed in Section 2 (*c*).

We have clarified that veterans seeking to obtain the veteran-designated driver’s licenses or identification cards would have to be retired or discharged under honorable conditions.

We want to emphasize that there would be no fee for the veteran designation; however, the standard fees for a renewal or duplicate license or identification card would still apply.

We have expanded the references to military Certificates of Release or Discharge to include the National Guard form NGB-22, its version of the DD-214 or DD-215.

At the request of the Division of Motor Vehicles, we have included an effective date of March 1, 2012 to accommodate the division’s scheduled workload.

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Sponsor Statement HB 180

House Bill 180 seeks to help Alaska veterans receive more of the benefits they have earned through their sacrifice and service in uniform, and to which they are entitled by law and custom. It would allow the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to add information to state drivers' licenses or identification cards signifying the holder's status as a veteran, and would allow DMV to share that information with the state's veterans benefit office.

Alaska is among the most veteran-friendly states in the Union. Many businesses and organizations demonstrate their appreciation by offering various discounts, preferences and other benefits to *bona fide* veterans. However, veterans must usually prove they qualify by presenting certified copies of their discharge documents – the DD-214, DD-215, or NGB-22 forms, exposing these critical documents to wear, damage or loss.

By giving veterans a way to carry reliable and convenient proof of their status on state-issued cards, this bill would help them more easily enjoy the full range of personal, business and social benefits offered to them by a grateful state.

HB 180 could also help relieve the situation in which tens of thousands of Alaska veterans may be missing out on significant government benefits, because they have no contact with the state's Office of Veterans Affairs. The bill would allow the DMV to provide the names and addresses of those who are issued veteran-designated driver's licenses or ID cards to the state veterans' office. That office could then reach out to make more veterans aware of programs available to them, and to help them receive any benefits owed to them.

I respectfully request your support for House Bill 180.

Thank you.

Alaska Decoration of Honor

The Alaska Decoration of Honor was created to recognize Alaskan service members who have been killed in action or in support of combat. The medal is awarded on behalf of the people of the State of Alaska to show our gratitude to the families of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in serving our state and nation.

Jon Van Zyle, a local and nationally renowned artist and Vietnam veteran, donated his time and talents in designing the Alaska Decoration of Honor medal. His design (shown on front cover) has many symbolic elements:

Raven - is symbolic of life and is important in all Alaska Native cultures. The raven, which lives in Alaska year round, is shown in the shape of a cross to signify faith.

Northern Lights - represents of the souls of the departed

North Star - represents Alaska

Forget-me-not - is Alaska's state flower and was chosen for the term "forget-me-not"

Circle design - indicates "never ending"

It was Mr. Van Zyle's hope that when the families of these soldiers look up in the sky and see a raven, the Northern Lights, or the North Star, they will be reminded of their loved one.



FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Version CSHB 180(MLV)II
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Identifier (file name) CSHB180-DOA-DMV-03-25-11 Dept. Affected Administration
Title Veteran Designation on Driver's License Appropriation Motor Vehicles
Allocation Motor Vehicles
Sponsor Representative(s) Saddler, Feige, Herron, Fairclough, Lynn
Requester House State Affairs OMB Component Number 2348

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	57.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities	8.3	17.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	65.5	17.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

CHANGE IN REVENUES	1005 GF/PR	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
		154.0	308.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts	65.5	17.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (please identify)						
TOTAL	65.5	17.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost 0.0

POSITIONS

	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

- 1) Provided additional information on programming costs.
- 2) Reduced the estimated percentage of qualifying veterans who opt for the designation from 75% to 50%, based on comments made in the House Military & Veterans' Affairs committee meeting. This reduces both the cost for duplicate cards and the revenue from providing duplicates.
- 3) Allocation of costs and revenue between FY12 and FY13 resulting from the change in effective date.

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Analysis

Expenditures

- 1) The Division of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) antiquated database is almost 30 years old; the way it was programmed makes it difficult to effect even minor changes.
 - a) Add a 'veteran' field to DMV's database - 160 contract hours
The field must be added to 40-50 programs within the database; each program will have to be tested prior to deployment. Since DMV shares data with Dept of Public Safety, a field will also need to be added to the shared program, then tested and deployed.
 - b) Redesign the driver's licenses and ID cards to accommodate the designation - 160 contract hours
With the current license/ID design, there is no space to add a designation. Either the font will need to be reduced and/or items rearranged to accommodate the veteran designation. DMV issues 40 different types of licenses and IDs. Each type will have to be modified, tested, and deployed.
 - c) Create a reporting feature for notification to DMVA - 80 contract hours
The bill does not specify exactly what would be required. The 80 hour estimate is based on producing a scheduled weekly mainframe report showing additions only.

Estimated hours: 400

Cost per hour: \$143 (this is the contract rate per the State's task order system for IT professional services)

Total programming cost: 400 x \$143 = \$57,200

- 2) Cost to produce duplicate licenses/IDs for existing population of Alaska veterans. DMV anticipates that 50% of qualified veterans will opt for the designator within the first year. Of those who opt for the designation in the first 12 months after the March 1, 2012 effective date, approximately one-fifth will have licenses/IDs that expire within those first 12 months; DMV will be required to issue duplicate licenses/IDs to the remaining four-fifths of veterans opting for the designator within the first 12 months.

77,000 Quantity of veterans in Alaska as of 09/30/10 per U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
x 50% Estimated percentage of veterans opting for the designator in the first 12 months

38,500 Quantity of veterans opting for the designation

x 80% Percentage of veterans who will obtain duplicate licenses/IDs (the designation will be added on the license/ID of 20% when the veteran comes in for renewal during the first 12 months)

30,800 Quantity of veterans obtaining duplicate licenses/IDs in the first 12 months

x \$.85 Cost per license/ID for printer ribbon, laminate, and card

\$ 26,180 Total cost to produce duplicate driver's licenses /IDs in the first 12 months (03/01/12-02/28/13)

\$ 8,268 Cost to produce duplicate cards in **FY12** (03/01/12-06/30/12)

\$ 17,912 Cost to produce duplicate cards in **FY13** (07/01/12-02/28/13)

Revenue

30,800 Quantity of veterans obtaining duplicate licenses in the first 12 months

x \$15 Duplicate license fee

\$ 462,000 Estimated additional revenue collected in the first 12 months (03/01/12-02/28/13)

\$ 154,000 Estimated additional revenue collected in **FY12** (03/01/12-06/30/12)

\$ 308,000 Estimated additional revenue collected in **FY13** (07/01/12-02/28/13)

Performance Measures

DMV currently produces about 270,000 driver's licenses and identification cards each year. The anticipated additional 30,800 customers in the twelve months following implementation will impact DMV's ability to meet the performance measure of serving customers in an average of 20 minutes or less.

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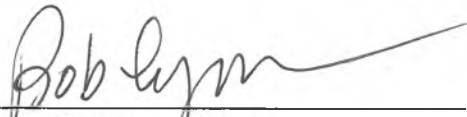
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The House State Affairs Committee has agreed to waive the State Affairs referral for HB 180, "*Veterans Designation on Driver's License*". The signature and agreement to waive does not constitute support or opposition to the bill, nor obligate the member to a specific vote on the House Floor.



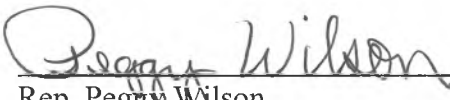
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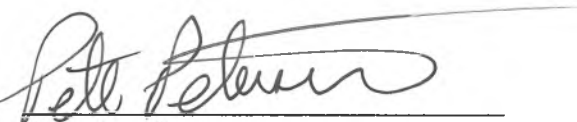


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