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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 180(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered:

Referred:

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

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4 **Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; and providing for an effective date."**

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12 Guard Bureau form NGB-22 to the department as proof of veteran status that shows
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1 subsection to the 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.

FISCAL NOTE

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Identifier (file name) HB180-DOA-DMV-03-11-11 Dept. Affected Administration
Title Veteran Designation on Driver's License Appropriation Motor Vehicles
Allocation Motor Vehicles
Sponsor Rep. Saddler, Feige, Herron, Fairclough
Requester House Military & Veterans 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	39.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	96.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES	1005 GF/PR	693.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts	96.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
TOTAL	96.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

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

Not applicable; initial version

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BILL NO. HB 180A

Analysis

This bill would require the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to print a designator on a driver's license identifying the driver as a veteran. This bill would also require DMV to provide the name and address of the license holder to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA).

Expenditures

- 1) Programming will be required to:
- add a 'veteran' field to DMV's database;
 - redesign the driver's license to accommodate a designation; and
 - produce a reporting feature for notification to DMVA.

Estimated hours: 400

Cost per hour: \$143

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

- 2) Cost to produce duplicate licenses for existing population of Alaska veterans. If the designator will provide benefits to the veteran, such as store discounts, DMV anticipates that 75% of qualified drivers will opt for the designator within the first year. Of those, approximately one-fifth will have licenses that expire in FY12.

77,000 Quantity of veterans in Alaska as of 09/30/10 per U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

x 75% Estimated percentage of veterans opting for the designator

57,750 Quantity of veterans opting for the designation

x 80% Percentage of veterans who will obtain duplicate licenses (the designation will be added on the license of 20% when the veteran comes in for renewal during FY12)

46,200 Quantity of veterans obtaining duplicate licenses in FY12

x \$.85 Cost for license (printer ribbon, laminate, and card)

\$39,270 Total Estimated cost to produce duplicate driver's licenses in FY12

Revenue

The bill states, "The department may not charge a fee for the designation." It is unclear from this statement whether or not DMV may collect the standard fee for a driver's license per AS 28.15.271. DMV is making the assumption that the standard fees do apply.

46,200 Quantity of veterans obtaining duplicate licenses in FY12

x \$15 Cost of a duplicate license

\$ 693,000 Estimate additional revenue collected in FY12

Performance Measures

DMV currently produces about 270,000 driver's licenses and identification cards each year. The anticipated additional 46,200 customers in FY12 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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