

**SB**

**93**

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**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT  
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/21/11

FURTHER: Transportation

Date of 5-Day Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 3-1-11

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 93

SB 93-SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

"An Act relating to special request specialty organization registration plates; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- adopt previous CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)  Same Title  New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LEG
CED	LAW
COR	LWF
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
			X	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Giesel			X	
	Meyer			X	
	Paskun	X			
CHAIR:		✓			

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## Session

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## SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

### SB 93

### Specialty License Plates

Specialty license plates are sweeping the country. By January 21, 2011 Alaska legislators had introduced bills for Choose Life, LaoVeteran, National Rifle Association, and In God We Trust specialty license plates. The 26<sup>th</sup> Legislature approved firefighter, fraternal order<sup>1</sup> and Iditarod finisher license plates and made a change in the Children's Trust specialty plate funds in a total of 15 committee meetings, entailing 9 versions of bills, and requiring one concurrent resolution.

Each license plate request takes legislative attention away from more pressing state matters and creates monetary and staff costs of drafting, duplicating, distributing, posting, scheduling, and amending. Legislatively created fundraising plates require the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to track and request for re-appropriation small accounts of money. Other plates require the DMV to verify a status (such as HB 92 "the owner must present evidence satisfactory to the department that the owner served in combat as required by this subsection") to complete a transaction. Two legislatively created plates from 1998 (dog mushing and arts) have never been issued.

There is a better way. About half of the states currently allow administrative approval for license plates. The Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles supports this bill, including the effective date.

### SB 93

- Gives the Division of Motor Vehicles authority to develop a procedure for administrative review and award of specialty license plates.
- Requires DMV to develop a standard template so all specialty plates will be easily readable and recognizable for law enforcement.
- Creates standard regulations, fees and procedures that will apply to all specialty license plates.
- Will result in cost savings for the state as administrative responsibilities of confirming eligibility, collecting and accounting for funds for the non-profit, and developing the license plate artwork and design are transferred to the sponsoring organization. DMV processing of plate applications is streamlined as the applications will be submitted in batches by sponsoring organizations.
- Is revenue neutral. The \$30/vehicle specialty registration fee covers the cost of producing and issuing the specialty plates.

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<sup>1</sup> No fraternal orders have yet applied for the plates authorized in 2010.

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## SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

### SECTIONAL ANALYSIS Senate Bill 93

#### **SECTION 1. AS 28.10.181 (bb)**

Allows the Department of Administration to develop and implement regulations to issue special request specialty license plates sponsored by Alaska organizations with IRS 501(c) tax exempt status, departments of the state and municipalities.

Directs the Department of Administration to design a standard plate design for all specialty plates.

Specifies the *regulations* must provide that the **entity requesting the license plates**:

- submit an application on a form provided by the department;
- pay a fee that is set by regulation;
- submit registration fees for at least 50 motor vehicles before the plates will be issued;
- may not be offensive in purpose, nature, activity, or name;
- may charge a fee in addition to any registration fees set by statute or regulation.

And that the *regulations*

- specify a minimum number of registrations and renewals of specialty plates;
- provide for cancellation of plates that do not meet the minimum; and
- allow a sponsoring entity at least six months notice before any proposed cancellation.
- establish procedures for vehicle owners to buy special request specialty license plates.

#### **SECTION 2. AS 28.10.421 (d)**

Sets the fee for the special request specialty license plates at \$30 upon first issuance or replacement of plates and allows a sponsoring entity to charge a fee upon first issuance and renewal of the plates.

#### **SECTION 3. AS 28.10.181 (bb)**

Establishes the effective date of January 1, 2012.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version SB093  
 () Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name) SB093-DOA-DMV-02-22-11  
 Title Special request specialty organization plates  
 Sponsor Senator Wielechowski  
 Requester Senate State Affairs  
 Dept. Affected Administration  
 Appropriation Division of Motor Vehicles  
 Allocation Motor Vehicles  
 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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
<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>0.0</b>

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

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**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. SB093

**Analysis**

This bill has no fiscal impact.