

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 93(STA)

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BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to special request registration plates; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

5 (bb) Special request United States flag "In God We Trust" plates. Upon
6 application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue registration
7 plates with a design incorporating the flag of the United States and the motto "In God
8 We Trust" on the plate. The commissioner shall determine the design and color of the
9 plates. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this
10 subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

11 (cc) Special request Lao veteran plates. Upon application by the owner of a
12 motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates commemorating the
13 owner's service in military operations in support of the United States in the Kingdom
14 of Laos between February 28, 1961, and May 15, 1975. The commissioner shall

1 determine the design and color of the Lao veteran plates in consultation with veterans'
2 and Southeast Asian community organizations in the state. To be issued a registration
3 plate under this subsection, the owner must present evidence satisfactory to the
4 department that the owner served in military operations as required by this subsection.
5 The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this
6 subsection when the requested plates are a duplicate of an existing registration.

7 (dd) Special request choose life plates. Upon application by the owner of a
8 motor vehicle, the department may issue registration plates with the phrase "choose
9 life" on the plate. The commissioner, after consulting with Alaska Choose Life, shall
10 determine the design and color of the plates. The department may disapprove the
11 issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a
12 duplication of an existing registration.

13 (ee) Special request plates commemorating the National Rifle Association.
14 Upon application by the owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue
15 registration plates commemorating the National Rifle Association. The commissioner,
16 after consulting with representatives of the National Rifle Association in Alaska, shall
17 determine the design and color of the plates. The department may disapprove the
18 issuance of registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates are a
19 duplication of an existing registration.

20 (ff) Special request breast cancer awareness plates. Upon application by the
21 owner of a motor vehicle, the department may issue breast cancer awareness
22 registration plates. The commissioner, after consulting with the Alaska office of the
23 American Cancer Society, shall determine the design and color of the plates. The
24 department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this subsection
25 when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

26 (gg) Special request specialty organization plates. The department shall adopt
27 regulations to allow for the issuance of special request specialty organization
28 registration plates sponsored by an organization that is based in this state and is tax
29 exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c), is an Alaska chapter of a national organization that is
30 tax exempt under 26 U.S.C. 501(c), is a department of the state, or is a municipality of
31 the state. The department shall determine a common design and color for the plates

1 and provide for the placement of the artwork of the organization and a short piece of
 2 descriptive text on the plate. The department may disapprove the issuance of
 3 registration plates under this subsection when the requested plates duplicate an
 4 existing registration. The department may not accept an application from an
 5 organization or approve or issue a new specialty registration plate sponsored by an
 6 organization under this subsection on or after June 1, 2015. The department may
 7 continue to register and renew specialty registration plates sponsored by an
 8 organization and approved by the department before June 1, 2015. The regulations

9 (1) must provide that the entity requesting the issuance of the plates

10 (A) submit an application on a form provided by the
 11 department;

12 (B) pay an application fee set by the department for issuance of
 13 the new registration plates;

14 (C) submit registration fees for at least 10 motor vehicles
 15 before specialty registration plates will be issued;

16 (D) may not be offensive in purpose, nature, activity, or name;

17 (E) may charge a fee for issuance of a specialty registration
 18 plate in addition to any registration fees set by statute or regulation;

19 (2) must provide for a minimum number of registrations and renewals
 20 of the specialty plate and for cancellation of specialty plates that do not meet that
 21 minimum; the regulations must provide that before a specialty plate may be cancelled
 22 the entity sponsoring the plate be given notice at least six months before the proposed
 23 cancellation;

24 (3) must establish procedures for owners of vehicles to purchase
 25 specialty registration plates under this subsection.

26 * **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.421(d)(2) is amended to read:

27 (2) special request plates for

28 (A) Alaska National Guard personnel \$30;

29 (B) veterans, [OR] retired veterans, **or Lao veterans** \$30;

30 (C) recipients of the Purple Heart none;

31 (D) owners of custom collector vehicles \$50;

1 (E) Iditarod race finishers \$50;

2 (F) other special request plates \$30;

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

6 * **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

7 (20) special request United States flag "In God We Trust" plates.. \$30
8 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee
9 required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee
10 required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section.

11 (21) special request choose life plates \$30
12 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the fee
13 required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee
14 required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the commissioner of administration
15 shall separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department
16 deposits in the general fund; the annual estimated balance in the account that is in
17 excess of the cost of issuing special request choose life plates may be appropriated by
18 the legislature to programs supporting or benefiting adoption.

19 (22) special request National Rifle Association plates \$50
20 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$50
21 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the
22 replacement of the special request plates; a \$30 fee shall be collected biennially
23 thereafter in the same manner as the fee required under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this
24 section; the commissioner shall separately account for the fees received under this
25 paragraph that the department deposits into the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of
26 this section, the annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of
27 issuing special request plates may be appropriated by the legislature to establish and
28 maintain a scholastic clay target program and for other youth shooting programs.

29 (23) special request breast cancer awareness plates..... \$50
30 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$50
31 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and the

1 replacement of the special request plates; the commissioner shall separately account
2 for the fees received under this paragraph that the department deposits into the general
3 fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated balance in the account
4 that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may be appropriated by
5 the legislature to programs that provide screening for breast and cervical cancer.

6 (24) special request specialty organization plates under
7 AS 28.10.181(gg)..... \$30
8 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b), (c), (h), or (i) of this section; the \$30
9 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance of and the
10 replacement of the plates; in addition, an entity sponsoring a special request specialty
11 organization plate may charge a fee on first issuance and renewal of the plates.

12 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2012.