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**Chapter No.**

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6 \* **Section 1.** AS 28.10.108(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) Except for a vehicle registered under AS 28.10.152 or 28.10.155, a vehicle  
8 required to be registered under this chapter shall be registered under the procedures set  
9 out in this section.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 28.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 28.10.155. Permanent motor vehicle registration.** (a) The owner of a  
12 motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle, that is required to be registered  
13 under this chapter may elect to register the motor vehicle permanently in lieu of  
14 registration under AS 28.10.108 if the vehicle is at least eight years old and the owner

1 resides in the unorganized borough or in a municipality that elects, by passage of an  
2 appropriate ordinance, to allow the permanent registration of motor vehicles. The  
3 permanent registration expires when the owner transfers or assigns the owner's title or  
4 interest in the vehicle. A permanent registration may not be renewed. On receiving the  
5 proper application and fees, the department shall issue to the registered owner  
6 registration plates, tabs, and a permanent registration form.

7 (b) The fees for permanent registration must equal the fees that would be  
8 applicable if the motor vehicle were registered under AS 28.10.108, plus a permanent  
9 registration fee of \$25. The motor vehicle registration tax for a permanently registered  
10 vehicle is the rate established for permanent motor vehicle registration under  
11 AS 28.10.431(j). If a municipality has not established a tax for a permanently  
12 registered motor vehicle, the biennial rate established in AS 28.10.431(b) or (j), if any,  
13 is levied upon the vehicle and is payable only once at the time a motor vehicle is  
14 permanently registered. Except as provided in AS 28.10.423(b), the owner of a  
15 permanently registered motor vehicle is not required to pay other registration fees or  
16 taxes under this chapter.

17 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.411(f) is amended to read:

18 (f) A resident 65 years of age or older on January 1 of the year the vehicle is  
19 registered or a resident with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk and  
20 who provides proof of that disability as provided in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2 is entitled to an  
21 exemption from the registration fee required under this section for one vehicle subject  
22 to registration under AS 28.10.421(b)(1), (2), **or** (5), or **(j)** [(6)]. An exemption may  
23 not be granted except upon written application for the exemption on a form prescribed  
24 by the department.

25 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.10.421 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

26 (j) When a person registers a trailer not used or maintained for the  
27 transportation of persons or property for hire or for other commercial use, including a  
28 boat trailer, baggage trailer, box trailer, utility trailer, house trailer, travel trailer, or  
29 trailer rented or offered for rent, the person may choose to pay a biennial registration  
30 fee of \$30 or, if the person resides within the unorganized borough or in a  
31 municipality that elects, by passage of an appropriate ordinance, to allow the

1 permanent registration of motor vehicles, to register the trailer permanently. If the  
2 person permanently registers the trailer, the person shall pay the biennial registration  
3 fee plus a permanent registration fee of \$25. If the person permanently registers the  
4 trailer, no additional registration fees are required if the same person who initially  
5 registered the trailer continues to own the trailer. A new owner of a trailer previously  
6 registered under this subsection shall register and pay the biennial registration fee or  
7 the permanent registration fee as provided in this subsection. The motor vehicle  
8 registration tax for a permanently registered trailer is the rate established for  
9 permanent trailer registration under AS 28.10.431(j). If a municipality has not  
10 established a tax for a permanently registered trailer, the biennial rate established in  
11 AS 28.10.431(b) or (j), if any, is levied upon the trailer and is payable only once at the  
12 time a trailer is permanently registered. If the person pays the registration tax as  
13 required by this subsection and AS 28.10.431, no additional registration taxes are  
14 required if the same person who initially registered the trailer continues to own the  
15 trailer.

16 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 28.10.423 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 (b) In addition to the permanent registration fee established in AS 28.10.155, a  
18 \$2 fee is imposed on the owner of each permanently registered motor vehicle required  
19 to be inspected under an emission control program established in AS 46.14.400 or  
20 46.14.510. That fee shall be collected biennially.

21 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 28.10.431(b) is amended to read:

22 (b) The biennial tax is levied upon motor vehicles subject to the registration  
23 fee under AS 28.10.411 and 28.10.421 and is based upon the age of vehicles as  
24 determined by model year in the first year of the biennial period, according to the  
25 following schedule:

	Tax According to Age of							
	Vehicle							
	Since Model Year:							
								8th
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	or over
31 Motor Vehicle								

1	(1) motorcycle	\$ 17	\$ 15	\$ 13	\$ 10	\$ 7	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$ 4
2	(2) vehicles specified	121	99	77	55	39	28	19	16
3	in AS 28.10.421(b)(1)								
4	(3) vehicles specified	121	99	77	55	39	28	19	16
5	in AS 28.10.421(b)(3)								
6	(4) vehicles specified								
7	in AS 28.10.421(c)(1)-(4)								
8	5,000 pounds or less	121	99	77	55	39	28	19	16
9	5,001-12,000 pounds	198	154	121	99	77	55	33	22
10	12,001-18,000 pounds	447	392	348	304	260	227	205	194
11	18,001 pounds or over	546	469	403	348	304	260	216	194
12	(5) vehicles specified	198	154	121	99	77	55	33	22
13	in AS 28.10.421(b)(4)								
14	(6) vehicles specified	17	15	13	10	7	5	4	4
15	in <b><u>AS 28.10.421(j)</u></b>								
16	[AS 28.10.421(b)(6)]								
17	(7) vehicles specified	121	99	77	55	39	28	19	16
18	in AS 28.10.421(d)(8)								
19	(8) vehicles specified	121	99	77	55	39	28	19	16
20	in AS 28.10.421(b)(2)								
21	(9) vehicles eligible	88							
22	for dealer								
23	plates under								
24	AS 28.10.421(d)(9).								

25 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 28.10.431(j) is amended to read:

26 (j) A municipality that imposes a motor vehicle registration tax as described  
27 under (a) of this section may also, **by passage of an appropriate ordinance,** increase  
28 the scheduled amount of tax described under (b) or (l) of this section, **establish a tax**  
29 **for a motor vehicle that is permanently registered under AS 28.10.155, or**  
30 **establish a tax for a trailer that is permanently registered under AS 28.10.421(j)**  
31 [BY PASSAGE OF AN APPROPRIATE ORDINANCE]. A municipality that chooses

1 to change the tax imposed under (b) or (l) of this section **or establishes a tax for**  
2 **permanently registered motor vehicles or trailers** shall file a written notice of the  
3 change with the department by January 1 of the year preceding the year in which the  
4 change in tax is to take effect. A municipality may not change the amount of the tax  
5 imposed under this section more than once every two years. The department may  
6 charge a municipality a one-time fee to cover the cost to the department of  
7 implementing a change under this subsection.

8 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 28.10.421(b)(6) is repealed.

9 \* **Sec. 9.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2015.