

SENATE BILL NO. 47

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON

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Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to special registration plates for vehicles owned by persons with**
2 **disabilities."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 28.10.181(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) Vehicles owned by veterans with disabilities, including persons disabled in
6 the line of duty while serving in the Alaska Territorial Guard, or other persons with
7 disabilities. Upon the request of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the
8 ability to walk, as defined in 23 C.F.R. 1235.2, the department shall (1) register one
9 motor vehicle in the name of the person without charge; and (2) issue a specially
10 designed registration plate that displays (A) recognition of the disabled veteran if the
11 applicant's disability originated from the applicant's service with the Alaska Territorial
12 Guard or the armed forces of the United States; (B) the international symbol of
13 accessibility (the wheelchair logo); and (C) if the applicant is a veteran, the Alaska and
14 United States flags and red, white, and blue colors. A person who is not otherwise

1 qualified under this subsection, but who meets the qualifications of a disabled veteran
2 under AS 29.45.030(i), may register one motor vehicle without charge, and the
3 department shall issue a specially designed registration plate that displays recognition
4 of the disabled veteran that does not display the international symbol of accessibility
5 and does not carry with it special parking privileges. A disabled veteran who
6 otherwise qualifies for a registration plate under this subsection may elect to receive a
7 plate under (p) or (q) of this section for which the person is otherwise qualified that
8 does not display the international symbol of accessibility and does not carry with it
9 special parking privileges. A disabled person who otherwise qualifies for a registration
10 plate under (2)(B) of this subsection may elect to receive a plate under another
11 provision of this section for which the person is otherwise qualified that does not
12 display the international symbol of accessibility and does not carry with it special
13 parking privileges. For purposes of this subsection, proof of disability may be
14 provided by a person licensed **as a speech-language pathologist under AS 08.11,** as
15 a chiropractor under AS 08.20, as a physician or physician assistant under AS 08.64,
16 [OR] as an advanced practice registered nurse under AS 08.68, **or as a physical**
17 **therapist or occupational therapist under AS 08.84.**