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## OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Jayson Whiteside, Department of Administration

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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**DATE:** January 15, 2025

**RE:** Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Administration

Department of Administration regulations re: Licensing, 2nd Plate Option, Salvage Title

(2 AAC 90.120 - .420; 92.190)

Attorney General File: 2024200250

Regulation Filed: 1/15/2025

Effective Date: 2/14/2025

Print: 253, April 2025

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Department of Law

Bob Dame, LexisNexis

## **Department of Law**



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January 6, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom Lieutenant Governor State of Alaska P.O. Box 110015 Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re:

2 AAC 90.120-.420; 92.190: DOA: Licensing, 2nd Plate Option, Salvage

(Human trafficking, drug and alcohol updates removed)

Our file: 2024200250

#### Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Administration against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Department of Administration after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern driver licensing and motor vehicle registration and titling. The regulations address applications for drivers' licenses, procedures for the issuance and surrender of personalized registration plates, and the issuance of salvage titles.

The October 14, 2024 public notice and the December 31, 2024 adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

### TREG TAYLOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rebecca C. Digitally signed by Rebecca C. Polizzotto Date: 2025.01.06 08:49:29 -09'00'

By:

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CC w/enclosure:

Jayson Whiteside, Hearing Officer

Department of Administration

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# ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

The attached three pages of regulation, dealing with application for driver's license, procedures for issuance and surrender of personalized registration plates and authorizing DMV to issue salvage title, is adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Administration adopts under the authority of AS 28.05.011 and AS 28.17.041 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

In considering public comments, the Department of Administration paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

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Date:		Signed by:
		Paula Vrana
		Paula Vrana, Commissioner
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~		ant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on
Tanua	ary 15	2025, at 1:35 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the
	ions of AS 44.62.040	
		Sor Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor
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### FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.

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NANCY DAHLSTROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Register 253, Apri, 2025 ADMINISTRATION

2 AAC 90.420 is amended to read:

**2 AAC 90.420.** Application for driver's license. (a) An application for a driver's license, including a driver's license that is federally compliant, must be made on the form prescribed and provided by the department. The application will include questions concerning the applicant's eligibility for a license, including the existence of a physical or mental disability that may impair the ability of the applicant to operate a motor vehicle safely. If the applicant's answers to these questions indicate the existence of a physical or mental disability that may affect the safe operation of a motor vehicle by the applicant, the department may require an examination of the applicant by a licensed physician, psychiatrist, optometrist, or other competent medical authority before issuance of a driver's license. The applicant shall bear the expense of the examination. An [MUST BE PAID BY THE APPLICANT. THE RESULTS OF AN] examination conducted not more than [WITHIN THE PREVIOUS] six months before the application date meets the requirement of this subsection, unless the condition began or changed since that examination was conducted. If the applicant seeks a commercial driver's license, a valid medical certificate may be [IS] required in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 383.71, adopted by reference in 2 AAC 90.250. (Eff. 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 1/1/2011, Register 196; am 6/27/2014, Register 210; am 1/12/2018, Register 225; am 1/1/2019, Register 228; am 2/23/2020, Register 233; am

2 / 14 / 2025, Register 253)

**Authority:** AS 18.65.310 AS 28.15.081 AS 28.15.111

AS 28.05.011 AS 28.15.101 AS 28.15.211

AS 28.15.041

(((Publisher: Authorities section was reordered to reflect drafting conventions.)))

Register 253, April , 2025 ADMINISTRATION

- 2 AAC 92.120(a) is amended to read:
- (a) The department will issue personalized registration plates for motor vehicles. <u>A</u> registrant may choose to receive two personalized registration plates at the time of order.
- 2 AAC 92.120(c) is amended to read:
- (c) A registrant shall surrender a personalized registration plate to the department if
  - (1) the registration for that vehicle has been expired more than 60 days;
- (2) the personalized registration plate has not been assigned to a vehicle with current registration in the previous 60 days; or

(3) [THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL A PERSONALIZED REGISTRATION PLATE THAT] the department determines that the personalized registration plate is described in (b) of this section.

- 2 AAC 92.120 is amended by adding new subsections to read:
  - (e) A registrant may surrender a personalized registration plate at any time.
- (f) A registrant shall surrender a personalized registration plate under this section on a form prescribed by the department. (Eff. 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 2 / 14 / 2625, Register 253)

Authority: AS 28.05.011 AS 28.10,161 AS 28.10.171

[AS 28.10.021]

Register 253, April , 2025 ADMINISTRATION

2 AAC is amended by adding a new section to Article 1 to read:

2 AAC 92.190. Salvage title. (a) The department may brand the certificate of title of a junk or wrecked vehicle as salvage for surrender to an insurance company under 2 AAC 92.170 or a salvage company, to retrieve the vehicle from impound, or to otherwise demonstrate ownership.

(b) The division will not register a vehicle with salvage title until the reconstruction process prescribed under 2 AAC 92.080 is complete. (Eff. 2 / 14 / 2025, Register 253)

**Authority:** 

AS 28.05.011

AS 28.10.201

AS 28.10.231

AS 28.05.041

AS 28.10.211