

# Sponsor Statement for HB 438

## Disabled Veterans License Plates

*An Act relating to motor vehicle registration plates for disabled veterans;  
and providing for an effective date.*

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During the past few years the Alaska Legislature has taken special care to honor the men and women who have served and are serving our country in the Armed Forces. Most noticeable are the Alaska vehicle licenses plates with the word Veteran and the branch of service emblem indicating their service to our freedom.

While these plates were a way to say thank you and give special recognition, we have overlooked a group of veteran's that may have given a little more than some. They are our Disabled Veteran's and to date the only special license plate is the standard Gold and Blue physically disabled plate with the first three letters "DAV." HB 438 is written to correct this.

The bill proposes that the Department of Motor Vehicles create a special license plate for these men and women who gave a part of themselves to our country. The plate, as envisioned, will be Red, White and Blue, with the Alaska and U.S. flags and the words Disabled Veteran. It will make a clear statement that the vehicle belongs to a person who served and gave, and is proud of his or her contribution.

Passage of HB 438 will show our Disabled Veteran's the same honor and respect that this body has chosen to show other Veterans of the Armed Forces.