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**HB 293**

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

HB 293 would allow for a second license plate to be chosen as the state’s primary plate. Currently the primary license plate is a plain yellow background. This bill would allow residents to have a choice between the plain yellow and a plate that has a bear insignia – very similar to one of our most popular plates back in 1976.

According to a recent national poll, Alaska’s primary license plate is rated number 48 out of the 50 states and 2 territories. Our state deserves better recognition! Bears are indelibly linked to Alaska.

This bill will also allow all firefighters and EMT’s whether volunteer or paid to have the choice to purchase a specialty license plate that previously was only for active or former firefighters or EMTs.

