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The ways that Alaskans procure transportation services have changed over time. In the past, getting off a commercial flight and heading to the nearest rental car agency was common practice. Now, consumers are turning increasingly to ridesharing, car pooling, and rental vehicle network options to get around. Vehicle rental networks are rental car businesses that arrange or execute personal passenger vehicle rentals through a network of individual private vehicle owners, and are becoming a common alternative to tranditional rental car options.

HB 102 adds a definition for the new service of providing private vehicle rental programs, including these services into existing statutes that regulate car rental providers to reflect changes in how people secure transport in Alaska. It also extends the same laws and regulations which apply to rental car companies to private vehicle rental networks, including the payment of the State's Vehicle Rental Tax. Therefore, HB 102 brings equity to the rental industry for motor vehicles, and will generate additional income for the State's general fund as the private vehicle rental network industry continues to grow and diversify in the Alaskan economy.

Please join me in supporting House Bill 102 to bring our statutes up to date and to incorporate this new industry into the existing language governing vehicle rentals in Alaska.

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