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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, former or retired to have the choice to purchase a specialty license plate that previously was only for active or former firefighters or EMTs.

