

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 44.09.040 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 44.09.040. State song.** The song "Alaska's Flag," with music composed
5 by Elinor Dusenbury and words by Marie Drake **and Carol Beery Davis**, is the
6 official song of the state. The words of the official song are as follows:

7 Alaska's Flag
8 Eight stars of gold on a field of blue -
9 Alaska's flag. May it mean to you
10 The blue of the sea, the evening sky,
11 The mountain lakes, and the flow'rs nearby;
12 The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,
13 The precious gold of the hills and streams;
14 The brilliant stars in the northern sky,

1 The "Bear" - the "Dipper" - and, shining high,
2 The great North Star with its steady light,
3 Over land and sea a beacon bright.
4 Alaska's flag - to Alaskans dear,
5 The simple flag of a last frontier.

6
7 **A Native lad chose the Dipper's stars**
8 **For Alaska's flag that there be no bars**
9 **Among our cultures. Be it known**
10 **Through years the Natives' past has grown**
11 **To share life's treasures, hand in hand,**
12 **To keep Alaska our Great Land;**
13 **We love the northern, midnight sky,**
14 **The mountains, lakes, and streams nearby.**
15 **The great North Star with its steady light**
16 **Will guide all cultures, clear and bright,**
17 **With nature's flag to Alaskans dear,**
18 **The simple flag of the last frontier.**