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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, certain distinctive license
6 plates may be retained by the surviving spouse of the
7 original plate recipient.

8 This bill would authorize the surviving spouse
9 of a disabled veteran who has been issued a disabled
10 veteran license plate to retain the plate upon the
11 veteran's death.

12 This bill would also make nonsubstantive,
13 technical revisions to update the existing code
14 language to current style.

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18 A BILL

19 TO BE ENTITLED

20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to license tags and plates; to amend Section
23 32-6-130, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize surviving spouses
24 of disabled veteran license plate recipients to retain the
25 plates after the veteran's death; and to make nonsubstantive,
26 technical revisions to update the existing code language to
27 current style.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



29 Section 1. Section 32-6-130, Code of Alabama 1975, is
30 amended to read as follows:

31 "§32-6-130

32 (a) Any veteran, as defined in Section 31-5-1, who is a
33 resident of this state and who is suffering a physical
34 disability ~~which that~~ requires ~~that~~ any motor vehicle he or
35 she operates be equipped with special mechanical control
36 devices or whose physical disability exceeds 50 percent, upon
37 application accompanied by proof of eligibility to the judge
38 of probate of the county for the special license plates
39 ~~provided herein~~, as may be prescribed by the ~~State~~ Department
40 of Revenue, and upon payment of five dollars (\$5), unless
41 exempted from the payment of ~~such the~~ fee by law, shall be
42 issued license plates, by the judge of probate ~~as provided by~~
43 ~~law,~~ for private or pleasure motor vehicles, ~~upon which, in.~~
44 In lieu of the number ~~now~~ prescribed by law shall be inscribed
45 in legible letters the words, "Disabled Veteran", and ~~shall~~
46 ~~designate~~ the branch of service and an identifying number as
47 prescribed by the ~~State~~ Department of Revenue shall be
48 designated. ~~The plates shall not be transferable.~~ The fee
49 ~~established by this section~~ shall be in lieu of the regular
50 license fee ~~now~~ required for motor vehicles and shall be used
51 to defray the cost of issuing the distinctive license plates.

52 (b) In lieu of applying the registration fee of five
53 dollars (\$5) to the disabled veteran license plate category
54 provided for in subsection (a), the registration fee may be
55 applied to any license plate category in which the disabled
56 veteran qualifies to obtain a license plate. Any additional



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57 fee required for a plate from a distinctive or personalized
58 license plate category shall still be required in order to
59 obtain the plate.

60 (c) A disabled veteran license plate shall not be
61 transferable except as provided in this subsection when a
62 plate recipient dies. The decedent's surviving spouse may
63 retain the plate pursuant to the same terms as the recipient
64 for one private motor vehicle owned by the surviving spouse
65 for the remainder of the spouse's lifetime or until his or her
66 remarriage."

67 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
68 1, 2026.