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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would establish a distinctive license plate for military combat action and eligibility criteria for individuals to receive the license plate.

This bill would also provide a criminal penalty for falsely obtaining such a license plate.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicle license plates; to add Section 32-6-354 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to establish a combat action special license plate; and to provide criminal penalties for falsely obtaining such a license plate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 32-6-354 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§32-6-354

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a distinctive license plate category is established for motor vehicle owners who served in a component of the United States Armed Forces and received the Combat Action Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat



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29 Medical Badge, Combat Action Medal, or Air Force Combat Action
30 Medal. The distinctive license plates shall be issued,
31 printed, and processed in the same manner as other distinctive
32 tags as provided in this chapter. An eligible U.S. service
33 member may apply to the judge of probate or other county
34 license plate issuing official in his or her county of
35 residence and present to the official one of the following as
36 proof of eligibility:

37 (1) A DD Form 214 stating that the service member
38 served in a combat theater and received awards or ribbons that
39 indicate combat experience.

40 (2) A copy of the certificate that accompanied the
41 service medal or ribbon signifying the participation of the
42 service member in the combat action.

43 (3) The Combat Action Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge,
44 Combat Action Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action
45 Medal, or Air Force Combat Action Medal.

46 (b) Upon a service member presenting satisfactory proof
47 to the county license plate issuing official of his or her
48 combat experience, the service member shall be issued the
49 requested number of distinctive license plates upon the
50 payment of the regular license fee for the plates, as provided
51 by law, and payment of the additional fee of three dollars
52 (\$3) for each plate issued. The service member shall pay the
53 additional fee for each license plate issued thereafter. In
54 those years in which the decal is issued, the service member
55 shall pay the regular license fee for tags as provided by law.
56 The distinctive license plates shall be used only upon and for



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57 personally owned, private passenger vehicles, including
58 station wagons and pickup trucks, registered in the name of
59 the service member applying, and when issued to the applicant
60 shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the
61 standard license plates normally issued for the vehicle. The
62 distinctive license plates authorized by this section shall be
63 as follows:

64 (1) Combat Action Ribbon designated by either:

65 a. United States Marine Corps, "Emblem of the United
66 States Marine Corps";

67 b. United States Navy, "Emblem of the United States
68 Navy"; or

69 c. Coast Guard, "Seal of the United States Coast
70 Guard."

71 (2) Combat Infantryman Badge designated with the U.S.
72 Army service mark, "Army Military service mark."

73 (3) Combat Action Badge designated with the U.S. Army
74 service mark, "Army Military service mark," or vis-a-vis the
75 alternate, "Combat Medical Badge".

76 (4) Air Force Combat Action Medal, United States Space
77 Force Combat Action Medal designated by either:

78 a. U.S. Air Force, "Emblem of the United States Air
79 Force"; or

80 b. U.S. Space Force Delta logo, "U.S. Space Force."

81 (c) The designation shall be placed to the left of the
82 plate identification number space and underneath the proper
83 branch insignia logo for each respective award or medal.

84 (d) The plate shall bear in bold print at the center



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85 bottom of the plate under the numbering in bright white the
86 term "COMBAT VETERAN."

87 (e) This section does not disqualify disabled veterans
88 who are eligible under the current guidelines to have the
89 letters "DV" placed under the combat insignia in smaller
90 print.

91 (f) The distinctive plate may not be personalized.

92 (g) The distinctive license plate may not be
93 transferred between motor vehicle owners and shall be subject
94 to the same provisions of law related to the transferring of
95 distinctive motor vehicle license plates provided in Section
96 32-6-154 or as otherwise provided by law or rule of the
97 Department of Revenue.

98 (h) Any individual who is proven to have falsely
99 obtained or falsely certified an individual to obtain a combat
100 action distinctive license plate issued under this section
101 shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

102 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
103 1, 2026.