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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to distinctive license plates for motor vehicles; to provide for distinctive license plates for retired professional firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. As used in this act, "retired professional firefighter" means a retired member of a paid or part-paid fire department of a city, town, county, or other subdivision of the state, including the chief, assistant chief, warden, engineer, captain, firemen, and all other officers and employees of the department who actually engaged in fire fighting or rendering first aid at the scene of an accident.

Section 2. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64, 32-6-67 and 32-6-68 of the Code of Alabama 1975, a retired professional firefighter, upon application and subject to the provisions of this act, may be issued a distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag as identification as a retired professional firefighter.

(b) In addition to the proper numbers, words, and insignias used on the standard license plate or tag issued for motor vehicles, the distinctive plates or tags so issued for a retired professional firefighter shall have a design created by the state association of professional firefighters in

1 coordination with the Mobile Retired Firefighters and  
 2 Paramedics Association and the Tuscaloosa Retired Firefighters  
 3 Association.

4 Section 3. (a) The distinctive license plate  
 5 provided herein shall be ~~prepared~~ approved by the Commissioner  
 6 of Revenue and shall be issued through the judge of probate,  
 7 license commissioner, or other license issuing official of the  
 8 several counties of the state in the same manner as are other  
 9 motor vehicle license plates or tags and the officers shall be  
 10 entitled to their regular fees for the service.

11 (b) By December 1 of each year, the Firefighters'  
 12 Personnel Standards and Education Commission shall submit to  
 13 the judge of probate, the license commissioner, or other  
 14 license issuing official of each county a list of eligible  
 15 retired professional firefighters retired from paid or  
 16 part-paid fire departments under this act.

17 (c) Upon the initial application for a distinctive  
 18 license plate under this act, an applicant for a distinctive  
 19 plate provided herein shall present to the judge of probate,  
 20 the license commissioner, or other license issuing official of  
 21 the county, proof of his or her retirement from a fire  
 22 department that is included on the list provided by the  
 23 Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission.  
 24 Proof of the person's retirement from a fire department  
 25 included on the list from the Firefighters' Personnel

1 Standards and Education Commission is not required for renewal  
2 of the distinctive plate.

3 (d) Upon the applicant submitting proof of his or  
4 her identification, the retired professional firefighter shall  
5 be issued the requested number of distinctive license plates  
6 or tags upon the payment of the regular license fee for tags,  
7 as provided by law, but shall not be required to pay the three  
8 dollar (\$3) fee.

9 (e) The distinctive license plates or tags so issued  
10 shall be used only upon and for personally owned, private,  
11 passenger vehicles, to include station wagons and pick-up  
12 trucks, registered in the name of the retired professional  
13 firefighter making application therefor, and when so issued to  
14 the applicant shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued  
15 in lieu of the standard license plates or license tags  
16 normally issued for the vehicle.

17 (f) Anyone who is proven to have either falsely  
18 obtained or certified an individual to obtain a distinctive  
19 retired professional firefighter license plate shall be guilty  
20 of a Class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be  
21 punished according to law.

22 Section 4. Distinctive plates or tags as provided by  
23 this act shall be prepared and furnished for the licensing  
24 year commencing January 1, 2012, and thereafter as is provided  
25 by law for the issuance of other license plates.

1                   Section 5. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
2 with this act are repealed.

3                   Section 6. This act shall become effective on the  
4 first day of the third month following its passage and  
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 25-MAR-10, as amended.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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