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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Commissioner of  
9 Revenue prepares the windshield placards for  
10 special and disability access parking.

11 This bill would require a windshield placard  
12 for special or disability access parking to contain  
13 the full name of the disabled individual to whom  
14 the placard was issued.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT  
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20 To amend Section 32-6-231, Code of Alabama 1975,  
21 relating to disabled parking; to require a windshield placard  
22 for special or disability access parking to contain the full  
23 name of the disabled individual to whom the placard was  
24 issued.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 32-6-231, Code of Alabama 1975,  
27 is amended to read as follows:

1           "§32-6-231.

2           "(a) Any person who submits to the license issuing  
3 official a completed special access parking or disability  
4 access parking application form approved by the Commissioner  
5 of Revenue which includes the full name of the person and the  
6 physician's certification that he or she is an individual with  
7 a disability shall be issued one removable windshield placard  
8 displaying the International Symbol of Access thereby  
9 designating the driver of the vehicle or the passenger as  
10 being an individual with a disability.

11           "(1) The removable windshield placard shall contain  
12 the full name of the person with the disability and be  
13 prepared by the commissioner in conformity to Public Law  
14 100-641 and rulemaking resulting therefrom.

15           "(2) a. The removable windshield placard issued to  
16 the individual with a long-term disability shall expire after  
17 a maximum period of five years or any period less than five  
18 years to be designated by the commissioner. The placard shall  
19 clearly reveal the expiration date and shall be designed in  
20 accordance with Public Law 100-641 and rulemaking resulting  
21 therefrom to hang from the front windshield rearview mirror  
22 when the vehicle is parked in a parking space reserved for  
23 persons with disabilities. If the vehicle lacks a rearview  
24 mirror, the placard shall be placed on the dashboard.

25           "b. The commissioner may require all persons with  
26 long-term disabilities to be recertified by a licensed

1 physician before special access or disability access parking  
2 removable windshield placards may be reissued.

3 "(3) In the event that an individual with a  
4 disability does not have the distinctive special access or  
5 disability access license plate as provided by Sections  
6 40-12-300 to 40-12-302, inclusive, upon request, a second  
7 placard may be issued.

8 "(b) The commissioner may make any rules or  
9 regulations necessary to administer this division.

10 "(c) An individual with a temporary disability who  
11 submits to the license issuing official a completed special  
12 access or disability access application form approved by the  
13 commissioner which includes the physician's certification that  
14 he or she is a temporarily disabled individual, shall be  
15 issued one temporary removable windshield placard for a period  
16 valid up to six months.

17 "(d) Any special access or disability access placard  
18 that is not in conformity with the federal system rule for  
19 handicapped parking, Public Law 100-641 and subsequent Rule 23  
20 CFR § 1235, shall not be recognized as a valid handicapped  
21 parking credential."

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective January  
23 1, 2014.