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1 for private or pleasure motor vehicles or motorcycles, upon
2 which, in lieu of the number now prescribed by law shall be
3 inscribed in legible letters the words, "Disabled Veteran,"
4 and shall designate the branch of service and an identifying
5 number as prescribed by the State Department of Revenue. The
6 plates shall not be transferable. The fee established by this
7 section shall be in lieu of the regular license fee now
8 required for motor vehicles and motorcycles and shall be used
9 to defray the cost of issuing the distinctive license plates.

10 "§32-6-131.

11 "The Commissioner of Revenue shall make such
12 reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to
13 administer the provisions of this division, including rules
14 and regulations necessary to insure compliance with all state
15 license laws relating to the use and operation of a private or
16 pleasure motor vehicle or motorcycle and to provide for the
17 application for and issuance of such special tags. Whoever
18 wrongfully obtains or secures the issuance of a motor vehicle
19 or motorcycle license tag or plate under this division, or
20 whoever affixes such a tag or plate to a motor vehicle or
21 motorcycle other than the one for which it was issued is
22 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as prescribed by
23 Section 15-18-3. Whoever willfully uses a motor vehicle or
24 motorcycle equipped with such a tag or plate for any unlawful
25 or deceptive purpose is guilty of a felony and shall be
26 imprisoned for not less than two years.

27 "§32-6-133.

1 "The design of motor vehicle tags and motorcycle
2 tags for disabled veterans shall be as follows:

3 "The Department of Revenue shall design, or have
4 designed, the "Disabled Veteran" license plate in compliance
5 with all laws and regulations. The plate design shall contain
6 the language "Heart of Dixie."

7 "Any additional regulations or design specifications
8 needed to implement the provisions of this section shall be
9 prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue.

10 "§40-12-244.

11 "There shall be exempt from the operation of the
12 privilege or license tax and registration fee now or
13 hereinafter to be levied on automobiles and motor vehicles by
14 the State of Alabama one passenger vehicle owned by any of the
15 following:

16 "(1)a. An active member of the Alabama National
17 Guard or the Alabama State Guard, when organized in lieu of
18 the National Guard or for any service-connected disabled
19 veteran. The exemption for only one vehicle extends only to
20 distinctive National Guard or service-connected disabled
21 veterans' license tags and shall be claimed upon presentation
22 of proper identification on forms prescribed by the Adjutant
23 General. Active members of the National Guard may obtain
24 additional distinctive license tags for other passenger
25 vehicles which they own by paying the regular privilege or
26 license tax provided by law.

1 "b. A retired member of the Alabama National Guard
2 with 20 years or more service. The exemption for only one
3 vehicle extends only to distinctive National Guard license
4 tags and shall be claimed upon presentation of proper
5 identification on forms prescribed by the Adjutant General.
6 Retired members of the Alabama National Guard may obtain
7 additional distinctive license tags for passenger vehicles
8 which they own upon presentation and proper identification on
9 forms prescribed by the Adjutant General and by paying the
10 regular privilege or license tax and registration fee as
11 provided by law.

12 "(2) An officer, warrant officer, or enlisted person
13 serving as an active member of any United States armed forces
14 reserve organization or any service-connected disabled
15 veterans who were residents of Alabama at the time of entering
16 the service and who are still residents of Alabama at the time
17 the exemption is claimed. The exemption shall be claimed by
18 presentation of proper identification and proof of residence
19 requirements on forms prescribed by the state Department of
20 Revenue.

21 "(3) A member of a volunteer rescue squad.

22 "(4) The Civil Air Patrol; including those vehicles
23 owned by the national headquarters and those owned by the
24 Alabama wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

25 "(5) A volunteer firefighter who is a resident of
26 Alabama and who is entitled to the distinctive firefighter tag
27 issued pursuant to Section 32-6-272. The exemption for one

1 vehicle extends only to the firefighter distinctive license
2 plate.

3 "(6) One disabled veteran motorcycle license plate
4 for a service connected disabled veteran.

5 "§40-12-254.

6 "Any disabled veteran of World War II or of any
7 other hostilities in which the United States was, is, or shall
8 be engaged against any foreign state, whether as a result of a
9 declared war or not, who owns an automobile or motorcycle
10 which has been, is or shall hereafter be all or partly paid
11 for with funds furnished for such purpose by the Administrator
12 of Veterans' Affairs under authority of any act of the
13 Congress of the United States, is exempt from all license fees
14 and ad valorem taxes required by or prescribed in this
15 article; provided, that the veteran keeps such motor vehicle
16 only for private use. Application for an exemption may be made
17 to the probate judge of the county in which such veteran
18 resides. The state Department of Revenue shall prescribe and
19 furnish application forms to be used and may require the
20 applicant to supply such information as may be necessary to
21 enable the probate judge to determine the veteran's
22 eligibility for the exemption. The application shall be sworn
23 to or affirmed by the veteran and shall be accompanied by the
24 document or instrument, or a certified copy thereof, which
25 evidences the veteran's ownership of the vehicle. Upon
26 determination of eligibility and grant of the exemption, the
27 probate judge shall issue a license tag or stamp, to be

1 provided by the state Department of Revenue, permitting the
2 operation of the motor vehicle."

3 Section 2. 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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