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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama State Law  
9 Enforcement Agency is required to develop a  
10 hardship driver license program for inmates in work  
11 release programs or community corrections programs  
12 and for persons released from incarceration from  
13 the Department of Corrections.

14 This bill would require the Alabama State  
15 Law Enforcement Agency to develop a hardship driver  
16 license program for persons whose driver's license  
17 have been suspended or revoked and who cannot  
18 obtain reasonable transportation.  
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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT  
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24 Relating to drivers' licenses; to amend Section  
25 32-6-12.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Alabama State  
26 Law Enforcement Agency to develop a hardship driver license  
27 program for any person whose driver's license has been

1 suspended or revoked and who cannot obtain reasonable  
2 transportation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 32-6-12.1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 "§32-6-12.1.

7 "(a) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall  
8 develop and implement a Class D hardship driver license  
9 program with specified and limited driving privileges for  
10 inmates in work release programs or community corrections  
11 programs and for persons released from incarceration from the  
12 Department of Corrections. Each person released from a period  
13 of confinement from the Department of Corrections, immediately  
14 following his or her release, shall be eligible to apply for a  
15 hardship driver license with specified and limited driving  
16 privileges from the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency and  
17 shall be subject to rules, terms, regulations, restrictions,  
18 and eligibility requirements established by the Alabama State  
19 Law Enforcement Agency, as well as subject to payment of a fee  
20 not to exceed the cost of production and issuance of the  
21 hardship driver license.

22 "(b) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall  
23 develop and implement a Class D hardship driver license  
24 program with specified and limited driving privileges for a  
25 person with a suspended or revoked license who can demonstrate  
26 to the reasonable satisfaction of the agency that he or she  
27 does not pose a risk to public safety and cannot obtain

1 reasonable transportation as further provided in this section.  
2 Any person with a suspended or revoked license who can fully  
3 demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the agency that  
4 he or she cannot obtain reasonable transportation shall be  
5 eligible to apply for a hardship driver license with specified  
6 and limited driving privileges from the agency and shall be  
7 subject to rules, terms, regulations, restrictions, and  
8 eligibility requirements established by the agency, as well as  
9 subject to payment of a fee not to exceed the cost of  
10 production and issuance of the hardship driver license.

11 "(c) A person whose hardship driver license has been  
12 revoked shall not be eligible to apply for a driver's license  
13 until at least six months from the date the license was  
14 revoked.

15 ~~"(b)~~ (d) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law  
16 Enforcement Agency shall promulgate such rules, regulations,  
17 restrictions, and eligibility requirements as are necessary to  
18 implement the provisions of this section. Additionally, the  
19 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall collaborate with  
20 the Board of Pardons and Paroles to implement the provisions  
21 of this section."

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
23 first day of the third month following its passage and  
24 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.