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HB179**



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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to distinctive motor vehicle license plates;  
to amend Section 32-6-281, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide  
for the distribution of proceeds of sales of distinctive motor  
vehicle license plates to emergency medical services  
providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 32-6-281, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
amended to read as follows:

"§32-6-281

(a) As used in this section, "emergency medical  
services provider" or "EMSP" means a paramedic, emergency  
medical technician - intermediate, advanced emergency medical  
technician, or emergency medical technician who is currently  
licensed with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Office  
of Emergency Medical Services.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64, 32-6-67, and  
32-6-68, an EMSP, upon application and subject to this  
section, may be issued a distinctive motor vehicle license  
plate as identification as an EMSP.

(2) In addition to the proper numbers, words, and



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29 insignias used on the standard license plate issued for motor  
30 vehicles, the distinctive plate issued for an EMSP shall have  
31 a design created by the Alabama Department of Public Health,  
32 Office of Emergency Medical Services.

33 (c) (1) The distinctive license plate provided in this  
34 section shall be approved by the Commissioner of Revenue and  
35 shall be issued through the judge of probate, license  
36 commissioner, or other license issuing official of the several  
37 counties of the state in the same manner as are other motor  
38 vehicle license plates or tags and the officers shall be  
39 entitled to their regular fees for the service.

40 (2) Proof of licensure as an EMSP shall be verified  
41 using the public license search on the Alabama Department of  
42 Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services website.  
43 Only an active, unexpired EMSP, as verified, may obtain a  
44 distinctive EMSP plate.

45 (3) The distinctive license plate issued under this  
46 section shall be used only upon and for personally owned,  
47 private, passenger vehicles, to include station wagons and  
48 pick-up trucks, registered in the name of the EMSP making  
49 application for the license plate, and when issued to the  
50 applicant shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in  
51 lieu of the standard license plate normally issued for the  
52 vehicle.

53 (d) Anyone who is proven to have falsely obtained or  
54 certified an individual to obtain a distinctive EMSP license  
55 plate shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, and upon  
56 conviction, shall be punished according to law.



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57 (e) The distinctive plate as provided by this section  
58 shall be prepared and furnished for the licensing year  
59 commencing January 1, 2020, and thereafter, as is provided by  
60 law ~~for the issuance of other license plates~~ and shall be  
61 issued, printed and processed like other distinctive and  
62 personalized plates provided for in this chapter.

63 (f) The additional revenues derived from the sale of  
64 the distinctive motor vehicle license plates shall be  
65 distributed by the Comptroller as follows: 50 percent to the  
66 Alabama Association of Ambulance Services and 50 percent to  
67 the Alabama ~~EMS~~ Emergency Medical Services Association.

68 ~~(f)~~ (g) The Department of Revenue may adopt any rules  
69 necessary to administer this section."

70 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January  
71 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor,  
72 or its otherwise becoming law.