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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a resident veteran who are the recipient of a specified military award may be issued a distinctive permanent motor vehicle license plate under certain conditions if the veteran presents evidence of receipt of the award.

This bill would add the Air Medal to the list of military awards eligible to be commemorated on a distinctive permanent license plate.

This bill would make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update existing language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicle registration; to amend Sections 32-6-250 and 32-6-251, Code of Alabama 1975, to add the Air Medal to the list of military awards eligible to be commemorated on a distinctive permanent license plate; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update existing language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 32-6-250 and 32-6-251, Code of



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29 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

30 "§32-6-250

31 (a) A distinctive permanent license plate shall be
32 issued to any resident of the state who is a recipient of the
33 Medal of Honor or the widow of a recipient of the Medal of
34 Honor, to any resident who is a recipient of the Purple Heart
35 Medal, to any resident who is a member of the Legion of Valor
36 with positive proof of membership and the award of the Medal
37 of Honor, the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy
38 Cross, or the Air Force Cross, to any resident who is a
39 recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, to any resident
40 who is a recipient of the Silver Star, to any resident who is
41 a recipient of the Bronze Star, to any resident who is a
42 recipient of the Air Medal, or to any resident who shows by
43 satisfactory proof that he or she was a duly recognized former
44 prisoner of war, for use on a private motor vehicle registered
45 in the name of the resident. There shall be no fee or tax for
46 the license plate, except Purple Heart Medal recipients shall
47 pay ad valorem taxes on vehicles for which the distinctive
48 plates are issued, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star,
49 ~~and~~ Bronze Star, and Air Medal recipients shall pay the
50 regular registration fee and ad valorem taxes and an annual
51 additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), and no recipient
52 shall receive a plate for more than one vehicle except as
53 provided in subsection (c).

54 (b) A former prisoner of war for purposes of this
55 section is ~~a person~~ an individual who, as a member of the
56 United States Armed Forces, or while serving with a formal



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57 United States ally force, or as a United States civilian, was
58 held as a prisoner of war during any armed conflict by forces
59 hostile to the United States.

60 (c) ~~A person~~An individual eligible to be issued a
61 distinctive license plate under this section may be issued
62 additional distinctive license plates, under any of the above
63 license plate categories, if the ~~person~~individual otherwise
64 qualifies to receive the distinctive license plate, upon
65 payment of all license tax and registration fees, including ad
66 valorem taxes, for the vehicles and an annual additional fee
67 of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the Distinguished Flying
68 Cross, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal
69 distinctive license plates. Annual renewal decals shall be
70 provided after payment, if required, of license fees and taxes
71 for the years during which a new tag or plate is not issued as
72 provided in Section 32-6-63."

73 "§32-6-251

74 The special plates shall be of the same size as regular
75 motor vehicle license plates, distinguished by the letters
76 MOH, LOV, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Bronze
77 Star, ~~or~~PHM, or AM to be of a different color scheme and
78 design to any other vehicle plate in this state, or POW to be
79 of the same color scheme as other distinguished military
80 plates in this state, whichever distinctive design applies,
81 the nature of which shall be prescribed by a committee to be
82 appointed by the chief legislative sponsors of this division.
83 The net proceeds of the additional revenues from the sales of
84 the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, ~~and~~the



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85 Bronze Star, and the Air Medal distinctive military plates,
86 less the administrative costs including the costs of
87 production incurred by the Department of Revenue in producing
88 the plates, shall be distributed by each judge of probate or
89 license commissioner to the state Comptroller. The state
90 Comptroller shall distribute the proceeds into the Alabama
91 Veterans' Assistance Fund in the State Treasury."

92 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
93 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
94 or its otherwise becoming law.