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2 By Representative Starnes
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to motor vehicle registrations; to amend

5 Sections 32-6-350 and 32-6-350.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to
6 authorize the issuance of a distinctive motor vehicle license
7 plate for veterans of Operation Inherent Resolve.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. Sections 32-6-350 and 32-6-350.1, Code of
10 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

11 "§32-6-350

12 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish an
13 Alabama Veteran Tag Program to recognize certain veterans.

14 (b) The owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of
15 this state and who is an eligible veteran pursuant to
16 subsection (c) may be issued a distinctive license tag
17 pursuant to this division. The veteran shall make application
18 to the judge of probate or commissioner of licenses, comply
19 with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
20 licensing of motor vehicles, pay the regular license fee for a
21 tag as provided by law for a private passenger or pleasure
22 motor vehicle, and pay an additional fee of three dollars (\$3)
23 for the initial issuance of the tag except a Vietnam veteran's
24 tag. In the case of a Vietnam veteran's tag, the additional
25 fee for the initial issuance of the tag shall be six dollars
26 (\$6), three dollars (\$3) of which shall be distributed to the
27 Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to
28 be used to assist Vietnam veterans. For each renewal year, an



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29 additional fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be paid for the
30 Vietnam~~s~~ veterans tag. The additional fee of three dollars
31 (\$3) shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America,
32 Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used to assist Vietnam
33 veterans.

34 (c) The distinctive license tags in the Alabama Veteran
35 Tag Program shall include veterans of the United States Armed
36 Forces exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to the
37 atomic bomb and weapon testing from 1944 to 1962, Vietnam
38 veterans, Korean War veterans, World War II veterans, veterans
39 of the Battle of the Bulge, veterans of Desert Shield/Desert
40 Storm, veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, veterans of
41 Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, ~~and~~ veterans of the
42 Cold War serving at any time between September 2, 1945, and
43 December 26, 1991, and veterans of Operation Inherent Resolve.

44 The distinctive tags shall be issued, printed, and processed
45 in the same manner as other distinctive tags as provided in
46 this chapter. The payment of the required motor vehicle
47 license fees and taxes when required by this section for a
48 year during which a new vehicle license plate is not issued
49 shall be evidenced as provided in Section 32-6-63.

50 (d) The Vietnam Veterans of America ~~(VVA)~~, Alabama
51 State Council for the Vietnam veterans distinctive tag, and
52 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the other distinctive
53 veteran tags shall each respectively design or have designed
54 the distinctive veteran tags, subject to approval by the
55 Commissioner of Revenue and compliance with all laws and
56 regulations. An applicant for a Vietnam veteran tag shall be a



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57 Vietnam era veteran, and the local veteran's affairs officer
58 in the county in which application is made for the distinctive
59 tag shall certify all Vietnam veterans eligible for a Vietnam
60 veteran distinctive tag. An applicant for other veteran
61 distinctive tags shall be a veteran of the appropriate
62 conflict or otherwise qualify for a veteran tag as authorized
63 by this section, and shall be certified as eligible by the
64 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

65 (e) The distinctive license tags shall not be
66 transferable between motor vehicle owners and shall be subject
67 to the same provisions of law related to the transferring of
68 distinctive motor vehicle tags provided in Section 32-6-154 or
69 as otherwise provided by law or rule of the Department of
70 Revenue."

71 "§32-6-350.1

72 (a) Upon payment of an annual fee of fifty dollars
73 (\$50), which shall not be prorated, any Vietnam veteran, Pearl
74 Harbor survivor veteran, World War II veteran, Korean War
75 veteran, Battle of the Bulge veteran, Desert Shield/Desert
76 Storm veteran, veteran of the Armed Forces exposed to
77 dangerous levels of radiation due to the atomic bomb and
78 weapons testing from 1944 to 1962, Operation Iraqi Freedom
79 veteran, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan veteran, ~~or~~
80 veteran of the Cold War serving at any time between September
81 2, 1945, and December 26, 1991, or veteran of Operation
82 Inherent Resolve eligible to be issued distinctive license
83 tags pursuant to law, shall be issued personalized license
84 tags upon which, in lieu of the numbers and symbols on the



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85 distinctive veteran license tags or plates, shall be inscribed
86 with special letters, figures, numbers, or other marks,
87 emblems, symbols, or badges of distinction or personal
88 prestige, or a combination of these, as are approved for and
89 assigned to the application by the Department of Revenue.

90 (b) The personalized license tags provided for in this
91 section shall be issued, printed, processed, and renewed in
92 the same manner as other personalized tags in Section
93 32-6-150.

94 (c) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be
95 transmitted timely to the state Comptroller. After payment to
96 the Department of Corrections for its costs for manufacturing
97 and the administration of the personalized veteran license
98 plates provided for by subsection (a), with the exception of
99 fees collected for Vietnam veteran personalized plates, the
100 entire balance of fees shall be transferred by the state
101 Comptroller into the Alabama Veteran's Assistance Fund in the
102 State Treasury. For each Vietnam veteran personalized plate,
103 after payment to the Department of Corrections for its costs
104 for manufacturing and the administration of the personalized
105 Vietnam veteran license plates, twenty dollars (\$20) for each
106 plate sold shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of
107 America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used to assist
108 Vietnam veterans, and the remaining balance shall be
109 transferred by the state Comptroller into the Alabama
110 Veteran's Assistance Fund in the State Treasury.

111 (d) Fees paid pursuant to this section are a charitable
112 contribution from the purchaser to the Alabama Veteran's



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113 Assistance Fund.

114 (e) This section shall not affect the purchase of any
115 veteran's tag that is not personalized.

116 (f) License tags issued pursuant to this section shall
117 be subject to the legislative oversight committee pursuant to
118 Section 32-6-67."

119 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
120 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
121 or its otherwise becoming law.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 25-May-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

06-Jun-23

Passed