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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, Alabama authorizes the issuance of distinctive motor vehicle license plates.

This bill would authorize the issuance of a distinctive motor vehicle license plate for veterans of Operation Inherent Resolve.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§32-6-350

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

(b) The owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is an eligible veteran pursuant to subsection (c) may be issued a distinctive license tag



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29 pursuant to this division. The veteran shall make application
30 to the judge of probate or commissioner of licenses, comply
31 with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
32 licensing of motor vehicles, pay the regular license fee for a
33 tag as provided by law for a private passenger or pleasure
34 motor vehicle, and pay an additional fee of three dollars (\$3)
35 for the initial issuance of the tag except a Vietnam veteran's
36 tag. In the case of a Vietnam veteran's tag, the additional
37 fee for the initial issuance of the tag shall be six dollars
38 (\$6), three dollars (\$3) of which shall be distributed to the
39 Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to
40 be used to assist Vietnam veterans. For each renewal year, an
41 additional fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be paid for the
42 Vietnam's veterans tag. The additional fee of three dollars
43 (\$3) shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America,
44 Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used to assist Vietnam
45 veterans.

46 (c) The distinctive license tags in the Alabama Veteran
47 Tag Program shall include veterans of the United States Armed
48 Forces exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to the
49 atomic bomb and weapon testing from 1944 to 1962, Vietnam
50 veterans, Korean War veterans, World War II veterans, veterans
51 of the Battle of the Bulge, veterans of Desert Shield/Desert
52 Storm, veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, veterans of
53 Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, ~~and~~ veterans of the
54 Cold War serving at any time between September 2, 1945, and
55 December 26, 1991, and veterans of Operation Inherent Resolve.
56 The distinctive tags shall be issued, printed, and processed



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57 in the same manner as other distinctive tags as provided in
58 this chapter. The payment of the required motor vehicle
59 license fees and taxes when required by this section for a
60 year during which a new vehicle license plate is not issued
61 shall be evidenced as provided in Section 32-6-63.

62 (d) The Vietnam Veterans of America—~~(VVA)~~, Alabama
63 State Council for the Vietnam veterans distinctive tag, and
64 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the other distinctive
65 veteran tags shall each respectively design or have designed
66 the distinctive veteran tags, subject to approval by the
67 Commissioner of Revenue and compliance with all laws and
68 regulations. An applicant for a Vietnam veteran tag shall be a
69 Vietnam era veteran, and the local veteran's affairs officer
70 in the county in which application is made for the distinctive
71 tag shall certify all Vietnam veterans eligible for a Vietnam
72 veteran distinctive tag. An applicant for other veteran
73 distinctive tags shall be a veteran of the appropriate
74 conflict or otherwise qualify for a veteran tag as authorized
75 by this section, and shall be certified as eligible by the
76 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

77 (e) The distinctive license tags shall not be
78 transferable between motor vehicle owners and shall be subject
79 to the same provisions of law related to the transferring of
80 distinctive motor vehicle tags provided in Section 32-6-154 or
81 as otherwise provided by law or rule of the Department of
82 Revenue."

83 "§32-6-350.1

84 (a) Upon payment of an annual fee of fifty dollars



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85 (\$50), which shall not be prorated, any Vietnam veteran, Pearl
86 Harbor survivor veteran, World War II veteran, Korean War
87 veteran, Battle of the Bulge veteran, Desert Shield/Desert
88 Storm veteran, veteran of the Armed Forces exposed to
89 dangerous levels of radiation due to the atomic bomb and
90 weapons testing from 1944 to 1962, Operation Iraqi Freedom
91 veteran, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan veteran, ~~or~~
92 veteran of the Cold War serving at any time between September
93 2, 1945, and December 26, 1991, or veteran of Operation
94 Inherent Resolve eligible to be issued distinctive license
95 tags pursuant to law, shall be issued personalized license
96 tags upon which, in lieu of the numbers and symbols on the
97 distinctive veteran license tags or plates, shall be inscribed
98 with special letters, figures, numbers, or other marks,
99 emblems, symbols, or badges of distinction or personal
100 prestige, or a combination of these, as are approved for and
101 assigned to the application by the Department of Revenue.

102 (b) The personalized license tags provided for in this
103 section shall be issued, printed, processed, and renewed in
104 the same manner as other personalized tags in Section
105 32-6-150.

106 (c) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be
107 transmitted timely to the state Comptroller. After payment to
108 the Department of Corrections for its costs for manufacturing
109 and the administration of the personalized veteran license
110 plates provided for by subsection (a), with the exception of
111 fees collected for Vietnam veteran personalized plates, the
112 entire balance of fees shall be transferred by the state



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113 Comptroller into the Alabama Veteran's Assistance Fund in the
114 State Treasury. For each Vietnam veteran personalized plate,
115 after payment to the Department of Corrections for its costs
116 for manufacturing and the administration of the personalized
117 Vietnam veteran license plates, twenty dollars (\$20) for each
118 plate sold shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of
119 America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used to assist
120 Vietnam veterans, and the remaining balance shall be
121 transferred by the state Comptroller into the Alabama
122 Veteran's Assistance Fund in the State Treasury.

123 (d) Fees paid pursuant to this section are a charitable
124 contribution from the purchaser to the Alabama Veteran's
125 Assistance Fund.

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

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

131 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
132 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
133 or its otherwise becoming law.