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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, there is an exemption from the fees charged for license tags and motor vehicle registrations for specified members of the Alabama National Guard, disabled veterans, and Alabama Gold Star Families.

This bill would expand the motor vehicle registration fee exemption to all active duty, retired, and honorably discharged members of the United States Armed Forces.

This bill would also provide that the specified members of the armed forces are exempt from the payment of any fees charged for the issuance or renewal driver licenses and nondriver identification cards.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicle driver licenses and registrations; to amend Section 40-12-244, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for an exemption from the license tax and registration fee levied on motor vehicles, to include all



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29 active duty, retired, and honorably discharged members of the
30 United States Armed Forces; and to provide an exemption from
31 any drivers license or nondriver identification card fees to
32 certain individuals.

33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

34 Section 1. Section 40-12-244, Code of Alabama 1975, is
35 amended to read as follows:

36 "§40-12-244

37 There shall be exempt from the operation of the
38 privilege or license tax and registration fee now or
39 hereinafter to be levied on automobiles and motor vehicles by
40 the State of Alabama one passenger vehicle owned by any of the
41 following:

42 (1)a. An active member of the Alabama National Guard or
43 the Alabama State Guard, when organized in lieu of the
44 National Guard or for any service-connected disabled veteran.
45 The exemption for any service-connected disabled veteran
46 extends only to the service-connected disabled veterans'
47 license plate. The exemption for active members of the Alabama
48 National Guard or Alabama State Guard, when organized in lieu
49 of the National Guard, shall be claimed upon presentation of
50 proper identification on forms prescribed by the Adjutant
51 General. Active members of the National Guard may obtain
52 additional license plates for other passenger vehicles which
53 they own by paying the regular privilege or license tax
54 provided by law.

55 b. A retired member of the Alabama National Guard with
56 20 years or more service. The exemption shall be claimed upon



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57 presentation of proper identification on forms prescribed by
58 the Adjutant General. Retired members of the Alabama National
59 Guard may obtain additional license plates for passenger
60 vehicles which they own upon presentation and proper
61 identification on forms prescribed by the Adjutant General and
62 by paying the regular privilege or license tax and
63 registration fee as provided by law.

64 c. In lieu of applying the registration fee exemption
65 to the disabled veteran license plate category provided in
66 this subdivision, the exemption may be applied to any license
67 plate category in which the disabled veteran qualifies to
68 obtain a license plate. Any additional fee required for a
69 plate from a distinctive or personalized license plate
70 category shall still be required in order to obtain the plate.

71 (2)a. An officer, warrant officer, or enlisted
72 ~~person~~individual serving as an active member of any United
73 States armed forces reserve organization or any
74 service-connected disabled veterans who were residents of
75 Alabama at the time of entering the service and who are still
76 residents of Alabama at the time the exemption is claimed. The
77 exemption shall be claimed by presentation of proper
78 identification and proof of residence requirements on forms
79 prescribed by the state Department of Revenue.

80 b. In lieu of applying the registration fee exemption
81 to the disabled veteran license plate category provided for in
82 this subdivision, the exemption may be applied to any license
83 plate category in which the disabled veteran qualifies to
84 obtain a license plate. Any additional fee imposed for a plate



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85 from a distinctive or personalized license plate category
86 shall still be required in order to obtain the plate.

87 (3)a. An active duty, retired, or honorably discharged
88 member of the United States Armed Forces or any
89 service-connected disabled veteran who is a resident of
90 Alabama at the time the exemption is claimed. The exemption
91 shall be claimed by presentation of proper identification and
92 proof of residence requirements on forms prescribed by the
93 Department of Revenue.

94 b. In lieu of applying the registration fee exemption
95 to the license plate category provided for in this
96 subdivision, the exemption may be applied to any license plate
97 category in which the individual qualifies to obtain a license
98 plate. Any additional fee imposed for a plate from a
99 distinctive or personalized license plate category shall still
100 be required in order to obtain the plate.

101 (3) A member of a volunteer rescue squad.

102 (4) The Civil Air Patrol; including those vehicles
103 owned by the national headquarters and those owned by the
104 Alabama wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

105 (5) A volunteer firefighter who is a resident of
106 Alabama and who is entitled to the distinctive firefighter
107 plate issued pursuant to Section 32-6-272. The exemption for
108 one vehicle extends only to the firefighter distinctive
109 license plate.

110 (6) The designated next of kin of an Alabama Gold Star
111 Family as defined in Section 32-6-630, who is ~~A~~a recipient of
112 the "Alabama Gold Star Family" distinctive plate, with respect



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113 to the registration fee, ad valorem tax, and any additional
114 fees."

115 Section 2. Any individual eligible for the exemption
116 provided pursuant to Section 40-12-244, Code of Alabama 1975,
117 shall be exempt from the payment of any driver license or
118 nondriver identification card fee or renewal fee provided by
119 law, including any fee prescribed under Division 1 of Article 1
120 of Chapter 6 of Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975.

121 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first
122 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
123 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.