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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, certain vehicles and trailers owned by volunteer rescue squads are exempt from license, registration fees, and ad valorem taxes. Also, under current law, the Department of Revenue may issue permanent license plates for certain vehicles owned by volunteer fire departments.

This bill would allow the Department of Revenue to issue permanent license plates for certain vehicles owned by volunteer rescue squads.

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

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Sections 32-11-2 and 40-12-250, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for permanent vehicle registration of volunteer rescue squad vehicles; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. Section 32-11-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 "§32-11-2

33 Motor vehicles and utility trailers, as defined in
34 Section 40-12-240, owned by volunteer rescue squads
35 incorporated under the laws of Alabama and used exclusively as
36 life saving, rescue, or first aid vehicles without profit, and
37 which are not rented, leased, or loaned to any private
38 individual, firm, or corporation shall be exempt from payment
39 of license and registration fees and all ad valorem taxes
40 otherwise prescribed by law. Provided however, any such
41 vehicle or trailer may be issued a permanent license plate as
42 provided for in Section 40-12-250 and upon the payment of the
43 fees provided by that section."

44 Section 2. Section 40-12-250, Code of Alabama 1975, is
45 amended to read as follows:

46 "§40-12-250

47 (a) Motor vehicles owned and used by the state, a
48 county, or a municipality of this state shall not be subject
49 to the payment of license taxes levied, but shall display
50 permanent license plates. Any agency which obtains or
51 possesses a vehicle through a lease-purchase or an
52 installment-sales agreement with an option to buy shall be
53 considered as owning the vehicle for purposes of this section.
54 The purchasing agent or other officer of the state, county, or
55 municipality, shall apply to the Department of Revenue giving
56 the make, type, model, and vehicle identification number of



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57 the vehicle or vehicles owned and used by the state, county,
58 or municipality, together with any other information the
59 department may require, which shall be furnished under oath by
60 the applying officer. If upon examination the application
61 appears correct to the department, it shall issue, to be
62 placed on the motor vehicles, the number of license plates, to
63 be used on no other vehicle than that for which issued. State
64 license plates shall have the letter "S" and the registration
65 number printed thereon, county license plates shall have the
66 word "county" and the registration numbers, and municipal
67 license plates shall have the word "municipal" and the
68 registration number printed thereon. License plates on any
69 vehicle owned by a municipal corporation or a municipal board
70 shall have "PUD", public utility department, and the
71 registration number printed thereon. All replacement license
72 plates issued for the vehicles shall be similarly printed or
73 marked. The motor vehicle shall be used exclusively in the
74 governmental or corporate functions of the state, county, or
75 municipality to which issued.

76 (b) Any person who operates a motor vehicle owned or
77 used by the state or any county or municipality thereof with
78 an improper license plate or without a license plate thereon
79 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall
80 be punished as prescribed by law.

81 (c) The department may issue permanent license plates
82 for vehicles owned by the United States or any agency thereof
83 which have been loaned to the state or a county or
84 municipality of this state, or to a public agency, including,



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85 but not limited to, a volunteer fire department or volunteer
86 rescue squad, if the state, county, municipality, or public
87 agency desires to obtain license plates to operate the vehicle
88 on the streets and highways of this state. The license plates
89 shall have words indicating that the vehicle is on loan from
90 the federal government and a registration number. Vehicles
91 displaying these license plates shall be used in accordance
92 with the stipulations wherein the vehicle was loaned to the
93 receiving agency. The license plates may be issued by the
94 department upon application by the state, county,
95 municipality, public corporation, or agency receiving and
96 using the vehicles. Upon return of the vehicle to the United
97 States agency, the license plate shall be removed, and may be
98 transferred by the department to another vehicle loaned by the
99 United States and used by the governmental entity or agency.
100 The department shall ~~promulgate~~adopt ~~rules and regulations~~ as
101 necessary to implement this subsection.

102 (d) The department may issue permanent license plates
103 for vehicles owned by volunteer fire departments or volunteer
104 rescue squads. The license plates shall have words indicating
105 that the vehicle is owned by a volunteer fire department or a
106 volunteer rescue squad and a registration number. Vehicles
107 displaying these license plates shall be used in accordance
108 with the stipulations provided by law for such vehicles. The
109 license plates may be issued by the department upon
110 application by a volunteer fire department or a volunteer
111 rescue squad. The vehicle shall be used exclusively for
112 volunteer fire department or volunteer rescue squad purposes.



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113 The department shall ~~promulgate~~adopt rules ~~and regulations~~ as
114 necessary to implement this subsection.

115 (e) Registration fees for all license plates provided
116 for in this section shall be determined by the department and
117 may not exceed the fees for standard passenger plates as
118 provided for in Sections 40-12-242 and 40-12-273. The
119 department shall collect an issuance fee at the time of
120 registration for all license plates provided for in this
121 section in the amount as provided for in Section 40-12-271.

122 (f) In the event a license plate provided for in this
123 section becomes so mutilated as to make it illegible, the
124 governmental entity, volunteer rescue squad, or volunteer fire
125 department shall file an application with the Department of
126 Revenue setting forth the fact that the plate has been lost,
127 mutilated, or destroyed. The Department of Revenue shall issue
128 a replacement license plate upon payment of the replacement
129 fee provided for in Section 40-12-265 and the surrender of the
130 tag.

131 (g) When a governmental entity, volunteer rescue squad,
132 or volunteer fire department sells, trades, or otherwise
133 disposes of a motor vehicle, the license plate shall be
134 removed from the vehicle and retained. The plate may be
135 transferred to another vehicle purchased or otherwise acquired
136 by the governmental entity, volunteer rescue squad, or
137 volunteer fire department pursuant to Section 40-12-260 and
138 upon payment of the fee provided for therein.

139 (h) All fees associated with governmental, volunteer
140 rescue squad, and volunteer fire department license plates



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141 shall be retained by the Department of Revenue to cover the
142 costs to administer this section."

143 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
144 1, 2024.