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4	SYNOPSIS:
5	Under existing law, volunteer firefighters are
6	eligible to receive a firefighter distinctive license
7	plate.
8	This bill would expand eligibility for the
9	firefighter distinctive license plate to include fire
10	chaplains.
11	This bill would also provide a criminal penalty
12	for anyone who falsely obtains a distinction
13	firefighter plate.
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17	A BILL
18	TO BE ENTITLED
19	AN ACT
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21	Relating to motor vehicle registrations and license
22	plates; to amend Section 32-6-271, Code of Alabama 1975, to
23	expand eligibility for the firefighter distinctive license
24	plate to include fire chaplains; and to provide a criminal
25	penalty for a violation.
26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
27	Section 1. Section 32-6-271, Code of Alabama 1975, is
28	amended to read as follows:



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30	(a) (1) A firefighter, upon application and subject to
31	this division, may be issued a distinctive motor vehicle
32	license plate as identification as a firefighter. In addition
33	to the proper numbers, words, and insignias used on the
34	standard license plate issued for motor vehicles, the
35	<u>firefighter</u> distinctive <u>license</u> plates issued to firefighters
36	shall bear a red Maltese cross emblem on each side to the left
37	and right of the regular tag numbers. The words "Fire Fighter"
38	should be centered at the bottom of the license plate.
39	(2)a. A fire chaplain, who is a member of the Alabama
40	Fellowship of Fire Chaplains, upon application and subject to
41	this division, may be issued one firefighter distinctive
42	license plate.
43	b. Proof of service as a fire chaplain shall be
44	verified by an affidavit signed by the President of the
45	Alabama Fellowship of Fire Chaplains attesting that the
46	applicant is a member in good standing of that organization
47	and eligible to receive the firefighter distinctive license
48	plate. An individual who is no longer a member in good
49	standing of the Alabama Fellowship of Fire Chaplains is
50	ineligible to receive the firefighter distinctive license
51	plate.
52	(b) In addition to any other fees provided for by law,

52 (b) In addition to any other fees provided for by law, 53 an annual additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00) is added to the 54 cost of the firefighter distinctive license plate provided for 55 in this division, effective January 1, 2022. The annual 56 additional fee collected pursuant to this section shall be

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57	distributed by each licensing official to the state
58	Comptroller <u>. The state Comptroller who</u> shall distribute the
59	net proceeds monthly as follows:
60	(1) Fifty cents ($\$.50$) shall be deposited into a fund
61	managed by the Alabama Joint Fire Council and shall be used
62	for the purpose of expanding and maintaining the Alabama
63	Firefighter Memorial located in Tuscaloosa.
64	(2) Fifty cents ($\$.50$) shall be distributed to the
65	Alabama Joint Fire Council to be used for expenses associated
66	with the Firefighter Peer Support Program.
67	(c) The funds generated by this fee shall be subject to
68	audit from either the Department of Examiners of Public
69	Accounts or an independent certified public accountant once
70	every three calendar years effective January 1, 2022.
71	(d) The firefighter distinctive license plates issued
72	under this section shall be used only upon and for personally
73	owned, private passenger vehicles registered in the name of
74	the applicant and, when issued, shall be used only upon the
75	vehicle for which it is issued in lieu of the standard license
76	plate normally issued for the vehicle.
77	(e) Any individual who is proven to have falsely
78	obtained or falsely certified an individual to obtain a
79	firefighter distinctive license plate issued under this
80	section shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.
81	(f) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to
82	administer this section."
83	Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
84	1, 2026.