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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, volunteer firefighters are eligible to receive a firefighter distinctive license plate.

This bill would expand eligibility for the firefighter distinctive license plate to include fire chaplains.

This bill would also provide a criminal penalty for anyone who falsely obtains a distinction firefighter plate.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicle registrations and license plates; to amend Section 32-6-271, Code of Alabama 1975, to expand eligibility for the firefighter distinctive license plate to include fire chaplains; and to provide a criminal penalty for a violation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 32-6-271, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:



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57 distributed by each licensing official to the ~~state~~
58 Comptroller, ~~The state Comptroller~~ who 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.