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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, veterans who were exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to the atomic bomb and weapon testing from 1944 to 1962 may be issued a distinctive license tag for a motor vehicle.

This bill would expand the list of veterans eligible to receive a distinctive license tag based on exposure to dangerous levels of radiation.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to license tags; to amend Section 32-6-350, Code of Alabama 1975, to include additional veterans who were exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to their service to those who may receive a distinctive license tag.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 32-6-350, Code of Alabama 1975, is 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) (1) The owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident



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29 of this state and who is an eligible veteran pursuant to  
30 subsection (c) may be issued a distinctive license tag  
31 pursuant to this division. The veteran shall: (i) make  
32 application to the judge of probate or commissioner of  
33 licenses; (ii) comply with state motor vehicle laws relating  
34 to registration and licensing of motor vehicles; (iii) pay  
35 the regular license fee for a tag as provided by law for a  
36 private passenger or pleasure motor vehicle; and (iv) pay an  
37 additional fee of three dollars (\$3) for the initial issuance  
38 of the tag except a Vietnam veteran's tag.

39 (2) In the case of a Vietnam veteran's tag, the  
40 additional fee for the initial issuance of the tag shall be  
41 six dollars (\$6), three dollars (\$3) of which shall be  
42 distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama  
43 State Council, to be used to assist Vietnam veterans. For each  
44 renewal year, an additional fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be  
45 paid for the Vietnam veterans tag. The additional fee of three  
46 dollars (\$3) shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of  
47 America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used to assist  
48 Vietnam veterans.

49 (c) The distinctive license tags in the Alabama Veteran  
50 Tag Program shall include all of the following:

51 (1) ~~veterans~~ Veterans of the United States Armed  
52 Forces ~~exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to the~~  
53 ~~atomic bomb and weapon testing from 1944 to 1962,~~ who:

54 a. Directly participated in the detonation of an atomic  
55 weapon or device;

56 b. Directly participated in the cleanup of radioactive



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57 material resulting from any atmospheric detonation of or  
58 accident associated with an atomic weapon; or  
59 c. Were exposed to ionizing radiation resulting from  
60 the operational use of atomic weapons during World War II.

61 (2) Vietnam veterans.

62 (3) Korean War veterans.

63 (4) World War II veterans.

64 (5) ~~veterans~~ Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

65 (6) ~~veterans~~ Veterans of Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

66 (7) ~~veterans~~ Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

67 (8) ~~veterans~~ Veterans of Operation Enduring

68 Freedom-Afghanistan.

69 (9) ~~veterans~~ Veterans of the Cold War serving at any  
70 time between September 2, 1945, and December 26, 1991, ~~and~~.

71 (10) ~~veterans~~ Veterans of Operation Inherent Resolve.

72 (d) The distinctive tags shall be issued, printed, and  
73 processed in the same manner as other distinctive tags as  
74 provided in this chapter. The payment of the required motor  
75 vehicle license fees and taxes when required by this section  
76 for a year during which a new vehicle license plate is not  
77 issued shall be evidenced as provided in Section 32-6-63.

78 ~~(d)~~ (e) The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama  
79 State Council, for the Vietnam veterans distinctive tag, and  
80 the Department of ~~Veterans'~~ Veterans Affairs for the other  
81 distinctive veteran tags shall each respectively design or  
82 have designed the distinctive veteran tags, subject to  
83 approval by the Commissioner of Revenue and compliance with  
84 all laws and rules. An applicant for a Vietnam veteran tag



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85 shall be a Vietnam era veteran, and the local veteran's  
86 affairs officer in the county in which application is made for  
87 the distinctive tag shall certify all Vietnam veterans  
88 eligible for a Vietnam veteran distinctive tag. An applicant  
89 for other veteran distinctive tags shall be a veteran of the  
90 appropriate conflict or otherwise qualify for a veteran tag as  
91 authorized by this section, and shall be certified as eligible  
92 by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

93 ~~(e)~~ (f) The distinctive license tags shall not be  
94 transferable between motor vehicle owners and shall be subject  
95 to the same provisions of law related to the transferring of  
96 distinctive motor vehicle tags provided in Section 32-6-154 or  
97 as otherwise provided by law or rule of the Department of  
98 Revenue."

99 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
100 1, 2025.