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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, individuals are required to obtain a driver license before driving a motor vehicle in this state, and new residents are required to obtain an Alabama driver license within 30 days after establishing residence in this state.

A nonresident with a driver license issued in his or her home state or country may be exempt from the Alabama driver license requirement under certain circumstances.

This bill would invalidate the use of any driver license that explicitly indicates it was issued to an individual who did not exercise the option of providing proof of lawful presence in the United States when obtaining the license.

This bill would also prevent a nonresident from qualifying for an exemption to the Alabama driver license requirement if the nonresident's license explicitly indicates that it was issued to an individual who did not exercise the option of providing proof of lawful presence in the United States when obtaining the license.

A BILL



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29 TO BE ENTITLED

30 AN ACT

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32 Relating to driver licenses; to invalidate the use of
33 certain classes of driver licenses; to amend Section 32-6-2,
34 Code of Alabama 1975; to prevent certain individuals from
35 qualifying for certain driver license exemptions.

36 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

37 Section 1. (a) A driver license of a class issued
38 exclusively to individuals who did not exercise the option of
39 providing proof of lawful presence in the United States when
40 obtaining the license is not valid in this state and does not
41 authorize the holder to operate a motor vehicle in this state.

42 (b) A law enforcement officer who stops an individual
43 driving with a license as described in subsection (a) shall
44 issue a citation to the individual for driving without a
45 license pursuant to Section 32-6-18, Code of Alabama 1975.

46 (c) To facilitate the enforcement of this section and
47 to aid in providing notice to visitors and the general public
48 concerning invalid driver licenses, the Alabama State Law
49 Enforcement Agency shall maintain on its website a statement
50 summarizing this section.

51 Section 2. Section 32-6-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is
52 amended to read as follows:

53 "§32-6-2

54 The following ~~persons~~ individuals, when driving a motor
55 vehicle under the following conditions, are exempt from ~~a~~ the
56 requirement to obtain a driver license ~~hereunder~~:



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57 (1) Any ~~person~~individual in the service of the federal
58 government while driving an official motor vehicle in such
59 service~~†~~.

60 (2) Any ~~person~~individual while driving any road
61 machine, farm tractor, or implement of husbandry temporarily
62 driven or moved on a highway~~†~~.

63 (3) A nonresident who is at least 16 years of age and
64 who has in his or her immediate possession a valid ~~driver's~~
65 driver license issued in his or her home state or country~~†~~.
66 This exemption does not apply if the nonresident's license is
67 invalid under Section 1 of the act amending this section.

68 ~~(4) Any nonresident who is at least 16 years of age~~
69 ~~whose home state or country does not require the licensing of~~
70 ~~drivers for a period of not more than 90 days in any calendar~~
71 ~~year, if the motor vehicle so driven is duly registered in the~~
72 ~~home state or country of such nonresident."~~

73 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
74 1, 2025.