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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicle license plates; to add
Section 32-6-354 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to establish a
combat action special license plate; and to provide criminal
penalties for falsely obtaining such a license plate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 32-6-354 is added to the Code of
Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§32-6-354

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
contrary, a distinctive license plate category is established
for motor vehicle owners who served in a component of the
United States Armed Forces and received the Combat Action
Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat
Medical Badge, Combat Action Medal, or Air Force Combat Action
Medal. The distinctive license plates shall be issued,
printed, and processed in the same manner as other distinctive
tags as provided in this chapter. An eligible U.S. service
member may apply to the judge of probate or other county
license plate issuing official in his or her county of
residence and present to the official one of the following as



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proof of eligibility:

(1) A DD Form 214 stating that the service member served in a combat theater and received awards or ribbons that indicate combat experience.

(2) A copy of the certificate that accompanied the service medal or ribbon signifying the participation of the service member in the combat action.

(3) The Combat Action Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Medal, or Air Force Combat Action Medal.

(b) Upon a service member presenting satisfactory proof to the county license plate issuing official of his or her combat experience, the service member shall be issued the requested number of distinctive license plates upon the payment of the regular license fee for the plates, as provided by law, and payment of the additional fee of three dollars (\$3) for each plate issued. The service member shall pay the additional fee for each license plate issued thereafter. In those years in which the decal is issued, the service member shall pay the regular license fee for tags as provided by law. The distinctive license plates shall be used only upon and for personally owned, private passenger vehicles, including station wagons and pickup trucks, registered in the name of the service member applying, and when issued to the applicant shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plates normally issued for the vehicle. The distinctive license plates authorized by this section shall be as follows:



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57 (1) Combat Action Ribbon designated by either:
58 a. United States Marine Corps, "Emblem of the United
59 States Marine Corps";
60 b. United States Navy, "Emblem of the United States
61 Navy"; or
62 c. Coast Guard, "Seal of the United States Coast
63 Guard."
64 (2) Combat Infantryman Badge designated with the U.S.
65 Army service mark, "Army Military service mark."
66 (3) Combat Action Badge designated with the U.S. Army
67 service mark, "Army Military service mark," or vis-a-vis the
68 alternate, "Combat Medical Badge".
69 (4) Air Force Combat Action Medal, United States Space
70 Force Combat Action Medal designated by either:
71 a. U.S. Air Force, "Emblem of the United States Air
72 Force"; or
73 b. U.S. Space Force Delta logo, "U.S. Space Force."
74 (c) The designation shall be placed to the left of the
75 plate identification number space and underneath the proper
76 branch insignia logo for each respective award or medal.
77 (d) The plate shall bear in bold print at the center
78 bottom of the plate under the numbering in bright white the
79 term "COMBAT VETERAN."
80 (e) The distinctive plate may not be personalized.
81 (f) The distinctive license plate may not be
82 transferred between motor vehicle owners and shall be subject
83 to the same provisions of law related to the transferring of
84 distinctive motor vehicle license plates provided in Section



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85 32-6-154 or as otherwise provided by law or rule of the
86 Department of Revenue.

87 (g) Any individual who is proven to have falsely
88 obtained or falsely certified an individual to obtain a combat
89 action distinctive license plate issued under this section
90 shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

91 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
92 1, 2027.



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