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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

11 "§32-6-271

12 (a) (1) A firefighter, upon application and subject to
13 this division, may be issued a distinctive ~~motor vehicle~~
14 license plate as identification as a firefighter. In addition
15 to the proper numbers, words, and insignias used on the
16 standard license plate issued for motor vehicles, the
17 firefighter distinctive license plates issued to firefighters
18 shall bear a red Maltese cross emblem on each side to the left
19 and right of the regular tag numbers. The words "Fire Fighter"
20 should be centered at the bottom of the license plate.

21 (2)a. A fire chaplain, who is a member of the Alabama
22 Fellowship of Fire Chaplains, upon application and subject to
23 this division, may be issued one firefighter distinctive
24 license plate.

25 b. Proof of service as a fire chaplain shall be
26 verified by an affidavit signed by the President of the
27 Alabama Fellowship of Fire Chaplains attesting that the
28 applicant is a member in good standing of that organization



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29 and is eligible to receive the firefighter distinctive license
30 plate. An individual who is no longer a member in good
31 standing of the Alabama Fellowship of Fire Chaplains is
32 ineligible to receive the firefighter distinctive license
33 plate.

34 (b) In addition to any other fees provided for by law,
35 an annual additional fee of one dollar ~~(\$1.00)~~ (\$1) is added
36 to the cost of the firefighter distinctive license plate
37 provided for in this division, effective January 1, 2022. The
38 annual additional fee collected pursuant to this section shall
39 be distributed by each licensing official to the ~~state~~
40 Comptroller, . The state Comptroller who shall distribute the
41 net proceeds monthly as follows:

42 (1) Fifty cents ~~(\$.50)~~ (\$0.50) shall be deposited into a
43 fund managed by the Alabama Joint Fire Council and shall be
44 used for the purpose of expanding and maintaining the Alabama
45 Firefighter Memorial located in Tuscaloosa.

46 (2) Fifty cents ~~(\$.50)~~ (\$0.50) shall be distributed to
47 the Alabama Joint Fire Council to be used for expenses
48 associated with the Firefighter Peer Support Program.

49 (c) The funds generated by this fee shall be subject to
50 audit from either the Department of Examiners of Public
51 Accounts or an independent certified public accountant once
52 every three calendar years effective January 1, 2022.

53 (d) The firefighter distinctive license plates issued
54 under this section shall be used only upon and for personally
55 owned, private passenger vehicles registered in the name of
56 the applicant and, when issued, shall be used only upon the



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57 vehicles for which they are issued in lieu of the standard
58 license plates normally issued for the vehicles.

59 (e) Any individual who is proven to have falsely
60 obtained or falsely certified an individual to obtain a
61 firefighter distinctive license plate issued under this
62 section shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

63 (f) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to
64 administer this section."

65 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
66 1, 2027.

