

HB317 INTRODUCED



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4 SYNOPSIS:

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

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

10 This bill would also provide a criminal penalty
11 for anyone who falsely obtains a firefighter
12 distinctive plate.

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16 A BILL

17 TO BE ENTITLED

18 AN ACT

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

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

28 "§32-6-271



29 (a) (1) A firefighter, upon application and subject to
30 this division, may be issued a distinctive ~~motor vehicle~~
31 license plate as identification as a firefighter. In addition
32 to the proper numbers, words, and insignias used on the
33 standard license plate issued for motor vehicles, the
34 firefighter distinctive license plates ~~issued to firefighters~~
35 shall bear a red Maltese cross emblem on each side to the left
36 and right of the regular tag numbers. The words "Fire Fighter"
37 should be centered at the bottom of the license plate.

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

42 b. Proof of service as a fire chaplain shall be
43 verified by an affidavit signed by the President of the
44 Alabama Fellowship of Fire Chaplains attesting that the
45 applicant is a member in good standing of that organization
46 and is eligible to receive the firefighter distinctive license
47 plate. An individual who is no longer a member in good
48 standing of the Alabama Fellowship of Fire Chaplains is
49 ineligible to receive the firefighter distinctive license
50 plate.

51 (b) In addition to any other fees provided for by law,
52 an annual additional fee of one dollar ~~(\$1.00)~~ (\$1) is added
53 to the cost of the firefighter distinctive license plate
54 provided for in this division, effective January 1, 2022. The
55 annual additional fee collected pursuant to this section shall
56 be distributed by each licensing official to the ~~state~~



57 Comptroller. ~~The state Comptroller who~~ shall distribute the
58 net proceeds monthly as follows:

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

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

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

70 (d) The firefighter distinctive license plates issued
71 under this section shall be used only upon and for personally
72 owned, private passenger vehicles registered in the name of
73 the applicant and, when issued, shall be used only upon the
74 vehicles for which they are issued in lieu of the standard
75 license plates normally issued for the vehicles.

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

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

82 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
83 1, 2027.