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4	SYNOPSIS:
5	Under existing law, initial applicants and
6	certain individuals seeking a renewal for a driver
7	license are subject to an examination created by the
8	Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA).
9	This bill would require ALEA to administer all
10	examinations for securing a driver license exclusively
11	in the English language.
12	This bill would also make nonsubstantive,
13	technical revisions to update the existing code
14	language to current style.
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17	A BILL
18	TO BE ENTITLED
19	AN ACT
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21	Relating to driver licenses; to amend Section 32-6-3,
22	Code of Alabama 1975; to require the Alabama State Law
23	Enforcement Agency to administer examinations for securing a
24	valid driver license in the English language; and to make
25	nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing
26	code language to current style.
27	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
28	Section 1. Section 32-6-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is

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"\$32-6-3 (a) (1) Every personindividual who applies for an initial Alabama driver'sdriver license issued by the Department of Public Safety under this article shall be given and successfully pass an examination before the issuance of a driver's driver license. (2) The personindividual seeking a driver license shall apply to at an ALEA office to take the examination. The examination shall be conducted by thean officer, state trooper, or duly authorized third party third-party testing agent of the Director of Public SafetyALEA, or one of them where there is more than one, designated by the Director of

Public Safety to conduct examinations.

amended to read as follows:

(3) A minor shall furnishprovide to ALEA a certified copy of his or her birth certificate and any other documents proving identity or authorized presence required by rule adopted under Section 32-6-13 or a certified statement from the county superintendent of education of the county in which the minor resides or from the superintendent of the school which the minor attends proving that the minor is at least 16 years of age. Upon satisfying this requirement, the minor shall be examined.

(b) (1) The Director of Public SafetySecretary of ALEA shall promulgateadopt reasonable rules and regulations not in conflict with the laws of this state as to the kind of providing for the examination or test to be given and, the method and manner of giving the examination, ascertaining, and

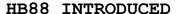
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reporting the results of the examination, and to who qualifies

to give the qualifications for giving the examination.

- (2) All written, oral, vision, and driving portions of the examination administered for purposes of obtaining or renewing a driver license must be in the English language only. An applicant may not use a translation dictionary, an electronic device, or an interpreter to assist with the administration of the examination.
- (3) In lieu of examination by the Department of Public SafetyALEA for the written, oral, vision, and driving portion of the examination, an applicant currently enrolled or beginning enrollment in a high school drivers' education class may submit proof that the applicant has passed the written, oral, vision, and driving portion of the examination which has been given by either of the following:
- a. A certified driver education instructor at a public high school who is approved by the State Department of Education and trained as a third-party testing agent for the-Department of Public SafetyALEA.
- b. A driver education instructor at a private high school who is certified, approved, and trained by the Department of Public SafetyALEA to act as a third partythird-party testing agent for the Department of Public SafetyALEA.
- (2)c. In no way shall the State Department of Education be responsible for the approval and training of private high school driver education instructors as third partythird-party testing agents for the Department of Public SafetyALEA.





(3) (4) Reports of all examinations shall be on forms
provided by the Director of Public Safety and shall indicate
<pre>ifThe individual administering the examination shall report to</pre>
the Secretary of ALEA whether the applicant passed the
examination. The report shall be on a form provided by ALEA.

- (c) If the applicant passes the examination, the applicant shall be given a certificate to that effect, on a form provided by the Director of Public SafetyALEA, by the officer, state trooper, or duly authorized third party testing agent of the Director of Public Safetyindividual conducting the examination. The applicant shall present the certificate to a driver'sdriver license office of the departmentALEA.
- (d) If a personthe applicant fails to pass the examination, no certificate shall be given to the personapplicant. No application for an initial Alabama driver's driver license shall be accepted by a judge of probate or license commissioner.
- (e) (1) A personAn individual who secures applies for the renewal of a driver license in the manner provided by law shall not be required to take the examination again unless the Director of Public SafetySecretary of ALEA deems it advisable to require the personindividual to take the examination, or the individual does not comply with the application deadline provided in Section 32-6-1.
- (2) If the Director of Public Safety deems it advisable secretary determines the applicant for renewal must take the examination, the director secretary shall notify the personindividual in writing by letter sent to the address

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given on the application of the personindividual stating the time and place of the examination at least 10 days before the date on which the examination or test is given of the time and place of the examination. The examination given to such a personRenewal examinations shall be conducted in the same manner, and the result of the examination ascertained and reported in the same way, as examinations that are given to personsindividuals applying for an initial Alabama driver's driver license.

(f) Failure of a personan individual to appear after notice to take such an examination or test, or refusal by a personan individual to take the examination or test, shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license of the personindividual by the Director of Public Safety. A personAn individual to whom such an examination or testwho is given an examination who and fails to pass the examination or test shall have his or her license revoked by the Director of Public Safety."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 132 1, 2026.