



SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, certain distinctive license plates may be retained by the surviving spouse of the original plate recipient.

This bill would authorize the surviving spouse of a deceased "Disabled Veteran" license plate recipient to be issued a new "Disabled Veteran Spouse" license plate.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to license tags and plates; to amend Section 32-6-130, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize surviving spouses of deceased "Disabled Veteran" license plate recipients to be issued "Disabled Veteran Spouse" license plates; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



Section 1. Section 32-6-130, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§32-6-130

(a) Any veteran, as defined in Section 31-5-1, who is a resident of this state and who is suffering a physical disability ~~which~~ that requires ~~that~~ any motor vehicle he or she operates be equipped with special mechanical control devices or whose physical disability exceeds 50 percent, upon application accompanied by proof of eligibility to the judge of probate of the county for the special license plates ~~provided herein~~, as may be prescribed by the ~~State~~ Department of Revenue, and upon payment of five dollars (\$5), unless exempted from the payment of ~~such~~ the fee by law, shall be issued license plates, by the judge of probate ~~as provided by law~~, for private or pleasure motor vehicles, ~~upon which, in.~~ In lieu of the number ~~now~~ prescribed by law shall be inscribed in legible letters the words, "Disabled Veteran," and ~~shall designate~~ the branch of service and an identifying number as prescribed by the ~~State~~ Department of Revenue shall be designated. The plates shall not be transferable. The fee ~~established by this section~~ shall be in lieu of the regular license fee ~~now~~ required for motor vehicles and shall be used to defray the cost of issuing the distinctive license plates.

(b) In lieu of applying the registration fee of five dollars (\$5) to the disabled veteran license plate category provided for in subsection (a), the registration fee may be applied to any license plate category in which the disabled veteran qualifies to obtain a license plate. Any additional



57 fee required for a plate from a distinctive or personalized
58 license plate category shall still be required in order to
59 obtain the plate.

60 (c) (1) There is established a "Disabled Veteran Spouse"
61 license plate to be issued to a surviving spouse of a
62 "Disabled Veteran" license plate recipient pursuant to this
63 subsection.

64 (2) The surviving spouse of a deceased "Disabled
65 Veteran" license plate recipient shall be issued a new
66 "Disabled Veteran Spouse" license plate for one private motor
67 vehicle owned by the surviving spouse for the remainder of the
68 spouse's lifetime or until the spouse's remarriage, upon:

69 a. Returning the "Disabled Veteran" license plate to
70 the judge of probate or other issuing official;

71 b. Providing proof of marriage to the disabled veteran;
72 and

73 c. Paying an issuance fee of five dollars (\$5) in lieu
74 of all other regular fees for license plates.

75 (3) This subsection shall not be construed to permit a
76 "Disabled Veteran Spouse" license plate recipient to park in
77 any parking zone designated reserved for handicapped
78 individuals with disabilities."

79 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
80 1, 2027.