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4 SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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

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18 A BILL

19 TO BE ENTITLED

20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to license tags and plates; to amend Section  
23 32-6-130, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize surviving spouses  
24 of deceased "Disabled Veteran" license plate recipients to be  
25 issued "Disabled Veteran Spouse" license plates; and to make  
26 nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing  
27 code language to current style.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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

31                   "§32-6-130

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

52                   (b) In lieu of applying the registration fee of five  
53                   dollars (\$5) to the disabled veteran license plate category  
54                   provided for in subsection (a), the registration fee may be  
55                   applied to any license plate category in which the disabled  
56                   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;  
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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.