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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Existing law provides for the requirements for
6 the contents of a driver license and nondriver
7 identification card.

8 This bill would require the Alabama State Law
9 Enforcement Agency to establish a method for an
10 individual to voluntarily designate on a driver license
11 or nondriver identification card that the individual
12 has been diagnosed with certain medical conditions.

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15 A BILL

16 TO BE ENTITLED

17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to motor vehicles; to amend Section 32-6-6,
20 Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Alabama State Law
21 Enforcement Agency to establish a method for an individual to
22 voluntarily designate on a driver license or nondriver
23 identification card that the individual has certain medical
24 conditions.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as
27 the Driver Communication and Safety Enhancement Act.

28 Section 2. Section 32-6-6, Code of Alabama 1975, is



29 amended to read as follows:

30 "§32-6-6

31 (a) Each driver license issued by the Alabama State Law
32 Enforcement Agency (ALEA), except temporary permits or other
33 special circumstances as determined by the Secretary of the
34 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, shall contain a
35 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee and a color
36 photograph of the licensee, the name, birthdate, address, and
37 a description of the licensee ~~., who, for~~ For the purpose of
38 identification and as a condition precedent to the validity of
39 the license, immediately upon receipt of the license, the
40 licensee shall endorse his or her usual or regular signature
41 upon the license in the space provided, unless a facsimile of
42 the licensee's signature appears on the license.

43 (b) A photo driver license and photo nondriver
44 identification card as provided in Section 32-6-4 shall have a
45 photo core that meets the minimum width and length dimensions
46 specified in ANSI standards X4.13-1971 and ANSI standard CR80,
47 plus or minus 1/4 inch. In addition to all current and
48 existing fees, ~~the agency~~ ALEA may charge an additional fee to
49 recover the cost of producing and issuing photo driver
50 licenses and photo nondriver identification cards. The fee may
51 not exceed ten cents ~~(\$.10)~~ (\$0.10) over the actual cost of
52 producing and issuing the license or card, including the cost
53 of materials, labor costs, telecommunications costs, computer
54 costs, postage, and any other costs incurred in producing and
55 issuing a license or card.

56 (c) (1) ALEA shall provide a method for an individual to



57 voluntarily designate on his or her driver license or
58 nondriver identification card that the individual has been
59 diagnosed with an invisible medical condition. ALEA shall
60 create a discrete symbol depicting the state flower, as
61 designated in Section 1-2-11(a), to place on the license or
62 card of the individual requesting the designation. ALEA may
63 not charge a fee solely for the designation.

64 (2) To receive the designation, the individual shall
65 provide proof of the diagnosis from a physician licensed to
66 practice medicine in this state.

67 ~~(c)~~ (d) A driver license issued to a qualifying student
68 described in Section 16-28-40(b) shall be exempt from any fees
69 under this section.

70 ~~(d)~~ (e) Revenues collected under this section shall be
71 used by ~~the agency~~ALEA for the sole purpose of this program,
72 and any excess shall revert to the State General Fund at the
73 end of each fiscal year.

74 (f) For the purposes of this section, the term
75 "invisible medical condition" means a physical or mental
76 condition that may interfere with an individual's ability to
77 communicate with a first responder, including:

78 (1) A communication impediment;
79 (2) Hearing loss;
80 (3) Blindness or a visual impairment;
81 (4) Autism spectrum disorder;
82 (5) Traumatic brain injury;
83 (6) Schizophrenia; or
84 (7) A cognitive disability."



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85 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
86 1, 2026.