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3 By Representative Ball  
4 RFD: Military and Veterans Affairs  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a resident veteran who  
9 is the recipient of a specified military award may  
10 receive a distinctive permanent motor vehicle  
11 license plate under certain conditions if the  
12 veteran presents evidence of receipt of the award.

13 This bill would add the Air Medal to the  
14 list of military awards eligible to be commemorated  
15 on a permanent distinctive license plate.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 To amend Sections 32-6-250 and 32-6-251, Code of  
22 Alabama 1975, relating to the issuance of military veteran  
23 distinctive permanent license plates; to add the Air Medal to  
24 the list of military awards eligible to be commemorated on a  
25 permanent distinctive license plate.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1                   Section 1. Sections 32-6-250 and 32-6-251 of the  
2 Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

3                   "§32-6-250.

4                   "(a) A distinctive permanent license plate shall be  
5 issued to any resident of the state who is a recipient of the  
6 Medal of Honor or the widow of a recipient of the Medal of  
7 Honor, to any resident who is a recipient of the Purple Heart  
8 Medal, to any resident who is a member of the Legion of Valor  
9 with positive proof of membership and the award of the Medal  
10 of Honor, the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy  
11 Cross, or the Air Force Cross, to any resident who is a  
12 recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, to any resident  
13 who is a recipient of the Silver Star, to any resident who is  
14 a recipient of the Bronze Star, to any resident who is a  
15 recipient of the Air Medal, or to any resident who shows by  
16 satisfactory proof that he or she was a duly recognized former  
17 prisoner of war, for use on a private motor vehicle registered  
18 in the name of the resident. There shall be no fee or tax for  
19 the license plate, except Purple Heart Medal recipients shall  
20 pay ad valorem taxes on vehicles for which the distinctive  
21 plates are issued, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star,  
22 ~~and,~~ Bronze Star, and Air Medal recipients shall pay the  
23 regular registration fee and ad valorem taxes and an annual  
24 additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), and no recipient  
25 shall receive a plate for more than one vehicle except as  
26 provided in subsection (c).

1           "(b) A former prisoner of war for purposes of this  
2 section is a person who, as a member of the United States  
3 Armed Forces, or while serving with a formal United States  
4 ally force, or as a United States civilian, was held as a  
5 prisoner of war during any armed conflict by forces hostile to  
6 the United States.

7           "(c) A person eligible to be issued a distinctive  
8 license plate under this section may be issued additional  
9 distinctive license plates, under any of the above license  
10 plate categories, if the person otherwise qualifies to receive  
11 the distinctive license plate, upon payment of all license tax  
12 and registration fees, including ad valorem taxes, for the  
13 vehicles and an annual additional fee of twenty-five dollars  
14 (\$25) for the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star,  
15 ~~and~~, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal distinctive license  
16 plates. Annual renewal decals shall be provided after payment,  
17 if required, of license fees and taxes for the years during  
18 which a new tag or plate is not issued as provided in Section  
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4 for the years during which a new tag or plate is not issued as  
5 provided in Section 32-6-63.

6 "§32-6-251.

7 "The special plates shall be of the same size as  
8 regular motor vehicle license plates, distinguished by the  
9 letters MOH, LOV, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star,  
10 Bronze Star, ~~or~~ PHM, or AM to be of a different color scheme  
11 and design to any other vehicle plate in this state, or POW to  
12 be of the same color scheme as other distinguished military  
13 plates in this state, whichever distinctive design applies,  
14 the nature of which shall be prescribed by a committee to be  
15 appointed by the chief legislative sponsors of this division.  
16 The net proceeds of the additional revenues from the sales of  
17 the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, ~~and~~ the  
18 Bronze Star, and the Air Medal distinctive military plates,  
19 less the administrative costs including the costs of  
20 production incurred by the Department of Revenue in producing  
21 the plates, shall be distributed by each judge of probate or  
22 license commissioner to the state Comptroller. The state  
23 Comptroller shall distribute the proceeds into the Alabama  
24 Veterans' Assistance Fund in the State Treasury."

25 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
26 first day of the third month following its passage and  
27 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

