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- 2 By Representative Starnes
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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- 4 Relating to motor vehicle registrations; to amend
- 5 Sections 32-6-350 and 32-6-350.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to
- 6 authorize the issuance of a distinctive motor vehicle license
- 7 plate for veterans of Operation Inherent Resolve.
- 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
- 9 Section 1. Sections 32-6-350 and 32-6-350.1, Code of
- 10 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:
- 11 "\$32-6-350
- 12 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish an
- 13 Alabama Veteran Tag Program to recognize certain veterans.
- 14 (b) The owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of
- this state and who is an eligible veteran pursuant to
- 16 subsection (c) may be issued a distinctive license tag
- 17 pursuant to this division. The veteran shall make application
- 18 to the judge of probate or commissioner of licenses, comply
- 19 with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
- 20 licensing of motor vehicles, pay the regular license fee for a
- 21 tag as provided by law for a private passenger or pleasure
- 22 motor vehicle, and pay an additional fee of three dollars (\$3)
- for the initial issuance of the tag except a Vietnam veteran's
- tag. In the case of a Vietnam veteran's tag, the additional
- 25 fee for the initial issuance of the tag shall be six dollars
- 26 (\$6), three dollars (\$3) of which shall be distributed to the
- 27 Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to
- 28 be used to assist Vietnam veterans. For each renewal year, an



- 29 additional fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be paid for the
- 30 Vietnam's veterans tag. The additional fee of three dollars
- 31 (\$3) shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America,
- 32 Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used to assist Vietnam
- 33 veterans.
- 34 (c) The distinctive license tags in the Alabama Veteran
- 35 Tag Program shall include veterans of the United States Armed
- 36 Forces exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to the
- 37 atomic bomb and weapon testing from 1944 to 1962, Vietnam
- 38 veterans, Korean War veterans, World War II veterans, veterans
- of the Battle of the Bulge, veterans of Desert Shield/Desert
- 40 Storm, veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, veterans of
- 41 Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, and veterans of the
- 42 Cold War serving at any time between September 2, 1945, and
- December 26, 1991, and veterans of Operation Inherent Resolve.
- The distinctive tags shall be issued, printed, and processed
- 45 in the same manner as other distinctive tags as provided in
- 46 this chapter. The payment of the required motor vehicle
- 47 license fees and taxes when required by this section for a
- 48 year during which a new vehicle license plate is not issued
- 49 shall be evidenced as provided in Section 32-6-63.
- 50 (d) The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Alabama
- 51 State Council for the Vietnam veterans distinctive tag, and
- 52 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the other distinctive
- 53 veteran tags shall each respectively design or have designed
- 54 the distinctive veteran tags, subject to approval by the
- 55 Commissioner of Revenue and compliance with all laws and
- regulations. An applicant for a Vietnam veteran tag shall be a



- Vietnam era veteran, and the local veteran's affairs officer
 in the county in which application is made for the distinctive
 tag shall certify all Vietnam veterans eligible for a Vietnam
 veteran distinctive tag. An applicant for other veteran
 distinctive tags shall be a veteran of the appropriate
 conflict or otherwise qualify for a veteran tag as authorized
 by this section, and shall be certified as eligible by the
 - (e) The distinctive license tags shall not be transferable between motor vehicle owners and shall be subject to the same provisions of law related to the transferring of distinctive motor vehicle tags provided in Section 32-6-154 or as otherwise provided by law or rule of the Department of Revenue."
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Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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(a) Upon payment of an annual fee of fifty dollars 72 73 (\$50), which shall not be prorated, any Vietnam veteran, Pearl 74 Harbor survivor veteran, World War II veteran, Korean War 75 veteran, Battle of the Bulge veteran, Desert Shield/Desert 76 Storm veteran, veteran of the Armed Forces exposed to 77 dangerous levels of radiation due to the atomic bomb and 78 weapons testing from 1944 to 1962, Operation Iraqi Freedom 79 veteran, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan veteran, or 80 veteran of the Cold War serving at any time between September 2, 1945, and December 26, 1991, or veteran of Operation 81 Inherent Resolve eliqible to be issued distinctive license 82 tags pursuant to law, shall be issued personalized license 83 84 tags upon which, in lieu of the numbers and symbols on the

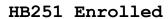


- 85 distinctive veteran license tags or plates, shall be inscribed
- 86 with special letters, figures, numbers, or other marks,
- 87 emblems, symbols, or badges of distinction or personal
- prestige, or a combination of these, as are approved for and
- assigned to the application by the Department of Revenue.
- 90 (b) The personalized license tags provided for in this
- 91 section shall be issued, printed, processed, and renewed in
- 92 the same manner as other personalized tags in Section
- 93 32-6-150.
- 94 (c) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be
- 95 transmitted timely to the state Comptroller. After payment to
- 96 the Department of Corrections for its costs for manufacturing
- 97 and the administration of the personalized veteran license
- 98 plates provided for by subsection (a), with the exception of
- 99 fees collected for Vietnam veteran personalized plates, the
- 100 entire balance of fees shall be transferred by the state
- 101 Comptroller into the Alabama Veteran's Assistance Fund in the
- 102 State Treasury. For each Vietnam veteran personalized plate,
- 103 after payment to the Department of Corrections for its costs
- 104 for manufacturing and the administration of the personalized
- 105 Vietnam veteran license plates, twenty dollars (\$20) for each
- 106 plate sold shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of
- 107 America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used to assist
- 108 Vietnam veterans, and the remaining balance shall be
- 109 transferred by the state Comptroller into the Alabama
- 110 Veteran's Assistance Fund in the State Treasury.
- 111 (d) Fees paid pursuant to this section are a charitable
- 112 contribution from the purchaser to the Alabama Veteran's





- 113 Assistance Fund.
- (e) This section shall not affect the purchase of any
- 115 veteran's tag that is not personalized.
- (f) License tags issued pursuant to this section shall
- 117 be subject to the legislative oversight committee pursuant to
- 118 Section 32-6-67."
- 119 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
- 120 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
- 121 or its otherwise becoming law.





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