

**HB285 ENROLLED**



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 Relating to motor vehicle registrations and license  
3 plates; to amend Sections 32-6-157, 32-6-231, 32-6-231.1,  
4 32-6-231.2, and 40-12-300, Code of Alabama 1975, to replace  
5 the International Symbol of Access with the Dynamic  
6 Accessibility Symbol on distinctive license plates issued to  
7 individuals with disabilities.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. Sections 32-6-157, 32-6-231, 32-6-231.1,  
10 32-6-231.2, and 40-12-300, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 "§32-6-157

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
14 contrary, distinctive and personalized license plates may be  
15 issued to trucks with gross vehicle weight not exceeding  
16 10,000 pounds, ~~provided, the provisions of this section shall~~  
17 not apply to distinctive military license plates or plates  
18 with the ~~International Symbol of Access~~ Dynamic Accessibility  
19 Symbol."

20 "§32-6-231

21 (a) Any ~~person~~ individual who submits to the license  
22 issuing official a completed special access parking or  
23 disability access parking application form approved by the  
24 Commissioner of Revenue which includes the physician's  
25 certification that he or she is an individual with a  
26 disability shall be issued one removable windshield placard  
27 displaying the ~~International Symbol of Access~~ Dynamic  
28 Accessibility Symbol thereby designating the driver of the



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29 vehicle or the passenger as being an individual with a  
30 disability.

31 (1) The removable windshield placard shall be prepared  
32 by the commissioner in conformity to Public Law 100-641 and  
33 rulemaking resulting therefrom.

34 (2) a. The removable windshield placard issued to the  
35 individual with a long-term disability shall expire after a  
36 maximum period of five years or any period less than five  
37 years to be designated by the commissioner. The placard shall  
38 clearly reveal the expiration date and shall be designed in  
39 accordance with Public Law 100-641 and rulemaking resulting  
40 therefrom to hang from the front windshield rearview mirror  
41 when the vehicle is parked in a parking space reserved for  
42 ~~persons~~ individuals with disabilities. If the vehicle lacks a  
43 rearview mirror, the placard shall be placed on the dashboard.

44 b. The commissioner may require all ~~persons~~ individuals  
45 with long-term disabilities to be recertified by a licensed  
46 physician before special access or disability access parking  
47 removable windshield placards may be reissued.

48 (3) In the event that an individual with a disability  
49 does not have the distinctive special access or disability  
50 access license plate as provided by Sections 40-12-300 to  
51 40-12-302, inclusive, upon request, a second placard may be  
52 issued.

53 (b) The commissioner may make any rules ~~or regulations~~  
54 necessary to administer this division.

55 (c) An individual with a temporary disability, who  
56 submits to the license issuing official a completed special



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57 access or disability access application form approved by the  
58 commissioner which includes the physician's certification that  
59 he or she is ~~a temporarily disabled~~ an individual with a  
60 temporary disability, shall be issued one temporary removable  
61 windshield placard for a period valid up to six months.

62 (d) Any special access or disability access placard  
63 that is not in conformity with the federal system rule for  
64 ~~handicapped~~ parking reserved for individuals with  
65 disabilities, Public Law 100-641, and subsequent Rule 23  
66 ~~C.F.R.~~ § 1235, shall not be recognized as a valid  
67 ~~handicapped~~ disabled parking credential."

68 "§32-6-231.1

69 (a) For the purpose of parking spaces reserved for  
70 persons with disabilities ~~this section~~, the term "military  
71 distinctive license plate" includes any of the following:  
72 Medal of Honor license plate; Prisoners of War license plate;  
73 Purple Heart Medal Recipients license plate; retired military  
74 license plate; National Guard license plate; disabled veteran  
75 license plate; Pearl Harbor survivors license plate; World War  
76 II veterans license plate; Korean War veterans license plate;  
77 veterans of the Battle of the Bulge license plate; veterans of  
78 Desert Shield/Desert Storm license plate; Vietnam veterans  
79 license plate; veterans of the United States Armed Forces  
80 exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to the atomic  
81 bomb and weapons testing from 1944 to 1962 license plate; and  
82 any subsequently enacted distinctive license plates issued  
83 exclusively to veterans.

84 (b) Any ~~person~~ individual qualified to receive a



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85 military distinctive license plate pursuant to this chapter,  
86 who submits to the judge of probate, license commissioner, or  
87 other issuing official authority medical proof satisfactory to  
88 the Commissioner of Revenue that he or she is ~~a handicapped~~ an  
89 individual with a disability in accordance with Public Law  
90 100-641 and rulemaking resulting therefrom, shall be issued a  
91 distinctive military license plate which is inscribed with the  
92 ~~International Symbol of Access~~ Dynamic Accessibility Symbol  
93 designating the vehicle owner as being ~~a handicapped~~ an  
94 individual with a disability. The Commissioner of Revenue  
95 shall adopt procedures for the issuance of these distinctive  
96 military license plates containing the ~~International Symbol of~~  
97 ~~Access~~ Dynamic Accessibility Symbol. ~~Handicapped~~  
98 ~~individuals~~ Individuals with disabilities displaying these  
99 plates shall be allowed to park in parking zones designated  
100 reserved for handicapped ~~persons~~ individuals with disabilities  
101 upon the payment of parking fees the same as any other  
102 ~~person~~ individual."

103           "§32-6-231.2

104           (a) Commencing on January 1, 2022, a vehicle owner who  
105 is qualified to receive a distinctive license plate pursuant  
106 to this chapter, who has a long-term disability, as defined in  
107 Section 32-6-230, and who submits to the judge of probate,  
108 license commissioner, or other issuing authority medical proof  
109 satisfactory to the Commissioner of Revenue that he or she is  
110 ~~a disabled~~ an individual with a disability in accordance with  
111 Public Law 100-641 and rulemaking resulting therefrom, may be  
112 issued a license plate under this chapter or Chapter 12 of



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113 Title 40, which displays the ~~International Symbol of~~  
114 ~~Access~~Dynamic Accessibility Symbol.

115 (b) License plates displaying the ~~International Symbol~~  
116 ~~of Access~~Dynamic Accessibility Symbol may be displayed on  
117 private passenger automobiles, motorcycles, pickup trucks, or  
118 self-propelled campers or house cars.

119 (c) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules necessary  
120 to administer this section."

121 "§40-12-300

122 (a) (1) The distinctive license plates provided for  
123 herein shall be prepared by the Commissioner of Revenue and  
124 shall be issued through the county license issuing officials  
125 of the state in the same manner as are other motor vehicle  
126 license plates. An applicant for ~~such~~ a distinctive plate  
127 shall present to the issuing official documentation that he or  
128 she is either of the following:

129 a. A parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of a minor  
130 or an adult who is an individual with a disability as defined  
131 in Section 32-6-230.

132 b. An individual with a disability as defined in  
133 Section 32-6-230.

134 (2) Upon presentation of the required documentation,  
135 the applicant shall be issued the requested number of special  
136 access or disability access distinctive license plates upon  
137 the payment of the regular license fee, as provided by law.

138 (b) Any private agency, nursing home, church, or  
139 charitable institution that submits to the licensing authority  
140 proof satisfactory to the commissioner that it operates a



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141 motor vehicle for the primary purpose of transporting one or  
142 more individuals with disabilities may apply for the  
143 distinctive plates. Applicants shall pay the regular fees for  
144 license plates, as provided by law.

145 (c) Any government agency that applies for a license  
146 plate for a vehicle ~~which~~ that it owns for the primary purpose  
147 of transporting individuals with disabilities shall be issued  
148 the requested number of license plates according to Section  
149 40-12-250, with the plate displaying the ~~International Symbol~~  
150 ~~of Access~~ Dynamic Accessibility Symbol embossed on the plate.

151 (d) The distinctive license plates shall be used only  
152 upon and for personally-owned, private, or government owned  
153 and operated passenger vehicles, including, but not limited  
154 to, vans, station wagons, buses, motorcycles, and pickup  
155 trucks, registered in the name of the ~~person~~ individual, or  
156 public or private agency, nursing home, church, or charitable  
157 institution making application therefor, and when issued to  
158 the applicant shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued  
159 in lieu of the standard license plates normally issued for the  
160 vehicle. This division shall not be construed to require an  
161 individual with a disability to display a distinctive special  
162 access or disability access license plate. It is ~~hereby~~  
163 specifically provided that this division shall be construed in  
164 pari materia with Section 32-6-231. The commissioner may make  
165 any rules ~~or regulations~~ necessary to carry out this division.

166 (e) The commissioner may require all ~~persons~~ individuals  
167 with long-term disabilities to be recertified by a licensed  
168 physician before special access parking or disability access



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169 parking license plates may be reissued.

170 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a  
171 motor vehicle may not be parked in an area reserved for  
172 ~~handicapped parking unless the individual~~ individuals with  
173 disabilities to park unless the individual with a disability  
174 is in the vehicle."

175 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January  
176 1, 2026.



