

1 HB292  
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would provide for the issuance of a public safety awareness license plate for deaf persons.

This bill would also provide for the design of the plates.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicles; to provide for the issuance of a public safety awareness license plate for deaf persons; and to provide for the design of the plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64, 32-6-67, and 32-6-68, Code of Alabama 1975, upon application to the judge of probate or license commissioner, compliance with motor vehicle registration and licensing laws, and payment of regular fees required by law for license plates for private passenger or pleasure motor vehicles, the owner of a

1 motor vehicle who is a resident of Alabama and who is deaf  
2 shall be issued a public safety awareness license plate.

3 (b) A plate issued under this section shall be valid  
4 for five years.

5 (c) Payment of required license fees and taxes for  
6 the years during which a new plate is not issued shall be  
7 evidenced as provided in Section 32-6-63, Code of Alabama  
8 1975.

9 (d) The Department of Revenue shall design the  
10 plates authorized by this section after consultation with law  
11 enforcement and other first responders and the Alabama  
12 Institute for the Deaf and Blind. The design shall be approved  
13 by the Legislative Oversight Committee for License Plates  
14 prior to production. Section 32-6-54, Code of Alabama 1975,  
15 shall not apply to the plates designed pursuant to this  
16 section. The design of the plate shall indicate to law  
17 enforcement and first responders that the vehicle is  
18 registered to a deaf person but need not use any specific  
19 words or symbols.

20 (e) The plates authorized by this section shall be  
21 issued, printed, and processed like other distinctive and  
22 personalized plates provided for in Chapter 6 of Title 32 of  
23 the Code of Alabama 1975.

24 (f) The Department of Revenue shall provide by rule  
25 for the medical or other evidence needed for eligibility for  
26 the issuance of a plate authorized by this section. The  
27 department may adopt other rules to implement this act.

1                                   Section 2. This act shall become effective January  
2           1, 2018.