

**HB46 ENROLLED**



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 To amend Sections 32-11-2 and 40-12-250, Code of  
3 Alabama 1975, to provide for permanent vehicle registration of  
4 volunteer rescue squad vehicles; and to make nonsubstantive,  
5 technical revisions to update the existing code language to  
6 current style.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Section 32-11-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "§32-11-2

11 Motor vehicles and utility trailers, as defined in  
12 Section 40-12-240, owned by volunteer rescue squads  
13 incorporated under the laws of Alabama and used exclusively as  
14 life saving, rescue, or first aid vehicles without profit, and  
15 which are not rented, leased, or loaned to any private  
16 individual, firm, or corporation shall be exempt from payment  
17 of license and registration fees and all ad valorem taxes  
18 otherwise prescribed by law. Provided however, any such  
19 vehicle or trailer may be issued a permanent license plate as  
20 provided for in Section 40-12-250 and upon the payment of the  
21 fees provided by that section."

22 Section 2. Section 40-12-250, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 "§40-12-250

25 (a) Motor vehicles owned and used by the state, a  
26 county, or a municipality of this state shall not be subject  
27 to the payment of license taxes levied, but shall display  
28 permanent license plates. Any agency which obtains or



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29 possesses a vehicle through a lease-purchase or an  
30 installment-sales agreement with an option to buy shall be  
31 considered as owning the vehicle for purposes of this section.  
32 The purchasing agent or other officer of the state, county, or  
33 municipality, shall apply to the Department of Revenue giving  
34 the make, type, model, and vehicle identification number of  
35 the vehicle or vehicles owned and used by the state, county,  
36 or municipality, together with any other information the  
37 department may require, which shall be furnished under oath by  
38 the applying officer. If upon examination the application  
39 appears correct to the department, it shall issue, to be  
40 placed on the motor vehicles, the number of license plates, to  
41 be used on no other vehicle than that for which issued. State  
42 license plates shall have the letter "S" and the registration  
43 number printed thereon, county license plates shall have the  
44 word "county" and the registration numbers, and municipal  
45 license plates shall have the word "municipal" and the  
46 registration number printed thereon. License plates on any  
47 vehicle owned by a municipal corporation or a municipal board  
48 shall have "PUD", public utility department, and the  
49 registration number printed thereon. All replacement license  
50 plates issued for the vehicles shall be similarly printed or  
51 marked. The motor vehicle shall be used exclusively in the  
52 governmental or corporate functions of the state, county, or  
53 municipality to which issued.

54 (b) Any person who operates a motor vehicle owned or  
55 used by the state or any county or municipality thereof with  
56 an improper license plate or without a license plate thereon



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57 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall  
58 be punished as prescribed by law.

59 (c) The department may issue permanent license plates  
60 for vehicles owned by the United States or any agency thereof  
61 which have been loaned to the state or a county or  
62 municipality of this state, or to a public agency, including,  
63 but not limited to, a volunteer fire department or volunteer  
64 rescue squad, if the state, county, municipality, or public  
65 agency desires to obtain license plates to operate the vehicle  
66 on the streets and highways of this state. The license plates  
67 shall have words indicating that the vehicle is on loan from  
68 the federal government and a registration number. Vehicles  
69 displaying these license plates shall be used in accordance  
70 with the stipulations wherein the vehicle was loaned to the  
71 receiving agency. The license plates may be issued by the  
72 department upon application by the state, county,  
73 municipality, public corporation, or agency receiving and  
74 using the vehicles. Upon return of the vehicle to the United  
75 States agency, the license plate shall be removed, and may be  
76 transferred by the department to another vehicle loaned by the  
77 United States and used by the governmental entity or agency.  
78 The department shall ~~promulgate~~adopt ~~rules and regulations~~ as  
79 necessary to implement this subsection.

80 (d) The department may issue permanent license plates  
81 for vehicles owned by volunteer fire departments or volunteer  
82 rescue squads. The license plates shall have words indicating  
83 that the vehicle is owned by a volunteer fire department or a  
84 volunteer rescue squad and a registration number. Vehicles



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85 displaying these license plates shall be used in accordance  
86 with the stipulations provided by law for such vehicles. The  
87 license plates may be issued by the department upon  
88 application by a volunteer fire department or a volunteer  
89 rescue squad. The vehicle shall be used exclusively for  
90 volunteer fire department or volunteer rescue squad purposes.  
91 The department shall ~~promulgate~~adopt rules ~~and regulations~~ as  
92 necessary to implement this subsection.

93 (e) Registration fees for all license plates provided  
94 for in this section shall be determined by the department and  
95 may not exceed the fees for standard passenger plates as  
96 provided for in Sections 40-12-242 and 40-12-273. The  
97 department shall collect an issuance fee at the time of  
98 registration for all license plates provided for in this  
99 section in the amount as provided for in Section 40-12-271.

100 (f) In the event a license plate provided for in this  
101 section becomes so mutilated as to make it illegible, the  
102 governmental entity, volunteer rescue squad, or volunteer fire  
103 department shall file an application with the Department of  
104 Revenue setting forth the fact that the plate has been lost,  
105 mutilated, or destroyed. The Department of Revenue shall issue  
106 a replacement license plate upon payment of the replacement  
107 fee provided for in Section 40-12-265 and the surrender of the  
108 tag.

109 (g) When a governmental entity, volunteer rescue squad,  
110 or volunteer fire department sells, trades, or otherwise  
111 disposes of a motor vehicle, the license plate shall be  
112 removed from the vehicle and retained. The plate may be



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113 transferred to another vehicle purchased or otherwise acquired  
114 by the governmental entity, volunteer rescue squad, or  
115 volunteer fire department pursuant to Section 40-12-260 and  
116 upon payment of the fee provided for therein.

117 (h) All fees associated with governmental, volunteer  
118 rescue squad, and volunteer fire department license plates  
119 shall be retained by the Department of Revenue to cover the  
120 costs to administer this section."

121 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
122 1, 2024.

