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3 By Senators Holtzclaw, Dial, Williams, Taylor and Whatley  
4 RFD: Veterans and Military Affairs  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would amend the Alabama Veteran  
9 Tag Program to provide for two distinctive tags,  
10 one for the veterans of Desert Shield/Desert Storm  
11 who receive the National Defense Service Medal, and  
12 one for the veterans of Desert Shield/Desert Storm  
13 who received the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT  
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19 To amend Section 32-6-350 of the Code of Alabama  
20 1975, relating to the Alabama Veteran Tag Program; to clarify  
21 that two distinctive tags shall be available to veterans of  
22 Desert Shield/Desert Storm, one distinctive tag for Desert  
23 Shield/Desert Storm Veterans who received the National Defense  
24 Service Medal, and one distinctive tag for Desert  
25 Shield/Desert Storm Veterans who received the Southwest Asia  
26 Service Medal.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 32-6-350 of the Code of Alabama  
3 1975, is amended to read as follows:

4 "§32-6-350.

5 "(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to  
6 establish an Alabama Veteran Tag Program to recognize certain  
7 veterans.

8 "(b) The owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident  
9 of this state and who is an eligible veteran pursuant to  
10 subsection (c) of this section may be issued a distinctive  
11 license tag pursuant to this division. The veteran shall make  
12 application to the judge of probate or commissioner of  
13 licenses, comply with state motor vehicle laws relating to  
14 registration and licensing of motor vehicles, pay the regular  
15 license fee for a tag as provided by law for a private  
16 passenger or pleasure motor vehicle, and pay an additional fee  
17 of three dollars (\$3) for the initial issuance of the tag  
18 except a Vietnam veteran's tag. In the case of a Vietnam  
19 veteran's tag, the additional fee for the initial issuance of  
20 the tag shall be six dollars (\$6), three dollars (\$3) of which  
21 shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.,  
22 Alabama State Council, to be used to assist Vietnam veterans.  
23 For each renewal year, an additional fee of three dollars (\$3)  
24 shall be paid for the Vietnam's veteran tag. The additional  
25 fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be distributed to the Vietnam

1 Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used  
2 to assist Vietnam veterans.

3 "(c) The distinctive license tags in the Alabama  
4 Veteran Tag Program shall include veterans of the United  
5 States Armed Forces exposed to dangerous levels of radiation  
6 due to the atomic bomb and weapon testing from 1944 to 1962,  
7 Vietnam veterans, Korean War veterans, World War II veterans,  
8 veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, two distinctive tags for  
9 veterans of Desert Shield/Desert Storm, one tag for Desert  
10 Shield/Desert Storm veterans who received the National Defense  
11 Service Medal, and another distinctive tag for veterans of  
12 Desert Shield/Desert Storm who received the Southwest Asia  
13 Service Medal, veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and  
14 veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan. The  
15 distinctive tags shall be issued, printed, and processed in  
16 the same manner as other distinctive tags as provided in this  
17 chapter. The payment of the required motor vehicle license  
18 fees and taxes when required by this section for a year during  
19 which a new vehicle license plate is not issued shall be  
20 evidenced as provided in Section 32-6-63.

21 "(d) The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Alabama  
22 State Council for the Vietnam veterans distinctive tag and the  
23 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the other distinctive  
24 veteran tags shall each respectively design or have designed  
25 the distinctive veteran tags, subject to approval by the  
26 Commissioner of Revenue and compliance with all laws and

1 regulations. An applicant for a Vietnam veteran tag shall be a  
2 Vietnam era veteran and the local veteran's affairs officer in  
3 the county in which application is made for the distinctive  
4 tag shall certify all Vietnam veterans eligible for a Vietnam  
5 veteran distinctive tag. An applicant for other veteran  
6 distinctive tags shall be a veteran of the appropriate  
7 conflict or otherwise qualify for a veteran tag as authorized  
8 by this section, and shall be certified as eligible by the  
9 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

10 "(e) The distinctive license tags shall not be  
11 transferable between motor vehicle owners and shall be subject  
12 to the same provisions of law related to the transferring of  
13 distinctive motor vehicle tags provided in Section 32-6-154 or  
14 as otherwise provided by law or regulation of the Department  
15 of Revenue."

16 Section 2. This act shall become effective January  
17 1, 2013, following its passage and approval by the Governor,  
18 or its otherwise becoming law.