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3 By Senator Chambliss
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to drivers' licenses; to amend Section
12 32-6-12.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Alabama State
13 Law Enforcement Agency to develop a hardship driver license
14 program for any person whose driver's license has been
15 suspended or revoked and who cannot obtain reasonable
16 transportation.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. Section 32-6-12.1, Code of Alabama 1975,
19 is amended to read as follows:

20 "§32-6-12.1.

21 "(a) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall
22 develop and implement a Class D hardship driver license
23 program with specified and limited driving privileges for
24 inmates in work release programs or community corrections
25 programs and for persons released from incarceration from the
26 Department of Corrections. Each person released from a period
27 of confinement from the Department of Corrections, immediately

1 following his or her release, shall be eligible to apply for a
2 hardship driver license with specified and limited driving
3 privileges from the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency and
4 shall be subject to rules, terms, regulations, restrictions,
5 and eligibility requirements established by the Alabama State
6 Law Enforcement Agency, as well as subject to payment of a fee
7 not to exceed the cost of production and issuance of the
8 hardship driver license.

9 "(b) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall
10 develop and implement a Class D hardship driver license
11 program with specified and limited driving privileges for a
12 person with a suspended or revoked license who can demonstrate
13 to the reasonable satisfaction of the agency that he or she
14 does not pose a risk to public safety and cannot obtain
15 reasonable transportation as further provided in this section.
16 Any person with a suspended or revoked license who can fully
17 demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the agency that
18 he or she cannot obtain reasonable transportation shall be
19 eligible to apply for a hardship driver license with specified
20 and limited driving privileges from the agency and shall be
21 subject to rules, terms, regulations, restrictions, and
22 eligibility requirements established by the agency, as well as
23 subject to payment of a fee not to exceed the cost of
24 production and issuance of the hardship driver license.

25 "(c) A person whose hardship driver license has been
26 revoked shall not be eligible to apply for a driver's license

1 until at least six months from the date the license was
2 revoked.

3 "(d) A person who has been charged, adjudicated, or
4 convicted of driving under the influence, pursuant to Section
5 32-5A-191, shall not be eligible for a hardship driver
6 license.

7 ~~"(b)~~ (e) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law
8 Enforcement Agency shall promulgate such rules, regulations,
9 restrictions, and eligibility requirements as are necessary to
10 implement the provisions of this section. Additionally, the
11 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall collaborate with
12 the Board of Pardons and Paroles to implement the provisions
13 of this section."

14 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
15 first day of the third month following its passage and
16 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 26
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