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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a late registration
9 penalty of fifteen dollars (\$15) plus interest is
10 assessed by the official charged with issuing motor
11 vehicle licenses for the failure to renew a motor
12 vehicle registration in the registrant's designated
13 renewal month.

14 This bill would provide that a registrant on
15 military deployment during any part of his or her
16 designated renewal month would have an additional
17 30 calendar days from the date the deployment ends
18 to renew his or her motor vehicle registration
19 without incurring a late registration penalty or
20 associated interest charges.

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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT

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26 To amend Section 32-6-65, Code of Alabama 1975,
27 relating to penalties for late motor vehicle license renewals

1 by military personnel on deployment during the registrant's
2 renewal month; to provide that a registrant on military
3 deployment during any part of his or her designated renewal
4 month would have an additional 30 calendar days from the date
5 the deployment ends to renew his or her motor vehicle
6 registration without incurring a late registration penalty or
7 associated interest charges.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. Section 32-6-65, Code of Alabama 1975, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "§32-6-65.

12 "(a) There shall be one uniform registration renewal
13 form to be used statewide. Such form shall be designed so as
14 to provide for both the transfer of ownership and the
15 registration of the vehicle. All receipts shall be sent to the
16 county agencies charged with handling vehicle registration.
17 All receipts shall be machine prepared. The state and the
18 county shall capture the color of the motor vehicle in their
19 permanent records. This ~~paragraph~~ subsection shall not give
20 the Department of Revenue authority to centralize vehicle
21 registration. Centralized registration is specifically
22 prohibited and it is the legislative intent that automotive
23 vehicle registration shall remain at the county level.

24 "(b) (1) A penalty of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be
25 assessed by the official charged with issuing motor vehicle
26 licenses for the late registration of a motor vehicle. "Late
27 registration of a motor vehicle" shall include (1) the failure

1 to register the vehicle within 20 calendar days of the date of
2 purchase or acquisition; (2) the failure to renew the
3 registration in the designated renewal month; and (3) the
4 failure to register the vehicle in accordance with the
5 provisions of Section 40-12-262(a). It shall be the duty of
6 all sheriffs, police officers, state troopers, license
7 inspectors, deputy license inspectors, field agents of the
8 Department of Revenue, and other law enforcement officers to
9 arrest any person operating a motor vehicle without the
10 current license plate displaying the proper tab, disc, or
11 decal. Persons apprehended for operating a motor vehicle
12 without the current license plate, upon conviction by a court
13 of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined not less than
14 twenty-five dollars (\$25).

15 "(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), any person on
16 military deployment during any part of his or her designated
17 registration renewal month, except a person with a discharge
18 characterization of "dishonorable" or "other than honorable,"
19 who renews his or her motor vehicle registration within 30
20 calendar days from the date the deployment ends shall not be
21 assessed a late registration penalty or associated interest
22 charges. Evidence of military deployment shall be documented
23 using military deployment orders, a government issued
24 Statement of Service letter, Form DD214 "Certificate of
25 Release or Discharge from Active Duty," or a letter from the
26 registrant's unit commander certifying the date that his or
27 her deployment ended.

1 "(c) All penalties assessed by this section shall be
2 distributed in the same manner as motor vehicle licenses and
3 registration fees are distributed as provided in Sections
4 40-12-269 and 40-12-270. Portions of Section 40-12-10 as they
5 may conflict with this section, are hereby repealed and
6 superseded."

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