- 1 HB195
- 2 209158-2
- 3 By Representative Brown (K)
- 4 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security
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1	<u>ENGROSSED</u>
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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To amend Sections 32-6-350 and 32-6-350.1, Code of
9	Alabama 1975, relating to the issuance of a distinctive
10	license tag pursuant to the Alabama Veteran Tag Program; to
11	expand eligibility for a distinctive license tag to include
12	certain honorably discharged veterans of the Cold War.
13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
14	Section 1. Sections 32-6-350 and 32-6-350.1, Code of
15	Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:
16	" §32-6-350.
17	"(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to
18	establish an Alabama Veteran Tag Program to recognize certain
19	veterans.
20	"(b) The owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident
21	of this state and who is an eligible veteran pursuant to
22	subsection (c) of this section may be issued a distinctive
23	license tag pursuant to this division. The veteran shall make
24	application to the judge of probate or commissioner of
25	licenses, comply with state motor vehicle laws relating to
26	registration and licensing of motor vehicles, pay the regular
27	license fee for a tag as provided by law for a private

passenger or pleasure motor vehicle, and pay an additional fee of three dollars (\$3) for the initial issuance of the tag except a Vietnam veteran's tag. In the case of a Vietnam veteran's tag, the additional fee for the initial issuance of the tag shall be six dollars (\$6), three dollars (\$3) of which shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used to assist Vietnam veterans. For each renewal year, an additional fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be paid for the Vietnam's veteran tag. The additional fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama State Council, to be used to assist Vietnam veterans.

"(c) The distinctive license tags in the Alabama

Veteran Tag Program shall include veterans of the United

States Armed Forces exposed to dangerous levels of radiation
due to the atomic bomb and weapon testing from 1944 to 1962,

Vietnam veterans, Korean War veterans, World War II veterans,
veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, veterans of Desert

Shield/Desert Storm, veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and
veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, and
veterans of the Cold War serving at any time between September

2, 1945, and December 26, 1991. The distinctive tags shall be
issued, printed, and processed in the same manner as other
distinctive tags as provided in this chapter. The payment of
the required motor vehicle license fees and taxes when
required by this section for a year during which a new vehicle

license plate is not issued shall be evidenced as provided in Section 32-6-63.

"(d) The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Alabama State Council for the Vietnam veterans distinctive tag, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the other distinctive veteran tags shall each respectively design or have designed the distinctive veteran tags, subject to approval by the Commissioner of Revenue and compliance with all laws and regulations. An applicant for a Vietnam veteran tag shall be a Vietnam era veteran and the local veteran's affairs officer in the county in which application is made for the distinctive tag shall certify all Vietnam veterans eligible for a Vietnam veteran distinctive tags shall be a veteran of the appropriate conflict or otherwise qualify for a veteran tag as authorized by this section, and shall be certified as eligible by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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

"§32-6-350.1.

"(a) Upon payment of an annual fee of fifty dollars (\$50), which shall not be prorated, any Vietnam veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor veteran, World War II veteran, Korean War

1 veteran, Battle of the Bulge veteran, Desert Shield/Desert 2 Storm veteran, veteran of the Armed Forces exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to the atomic bomb and 3 weapons testing from 1944 to 1962, Operation Iraqi Freedom 4 5 veteran, or Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan veteran, or veteran of the Cold War serving at any time between September 6 7 2, 1945, and December 26, 1991, eligible to be issued distinctive license tags pursuant to law, shall be issued 8 9 personalized license tags upon which, in lieu of the numbers 10 and symbols on the distinctive veteran license tags or plates, shall be inscribed with special letters, figures, numbers, or 11 other marks, emblems, symbols, or badges of distinction or 12 13 personal prestige, or a combination of these, as are approved for and assigned to the application by the Department of 14 15 Revenue.

"(b) The personalized license tags provided for in this section shall be issued, printed, processed, and renewed in the same manner as other personalized tags in Section 32-6-150.

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"(c) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be transmitted timely to the state Comptroller. After payment to the Department of Corrections for its costs for manufacturing and the administration of the personalized veteran license plates provided for by subsection (a), with the exception of fees collected for Vietnam veteran personalized plates, the entire balance of fees shall be transferred by the state Comptroller into the Alabama

Veteran's Assistance Fund in the State Treasury. For each 1 2 Vietnam veteran personalized plate, after payment to the Department of Corrections for its costs for manufacturing and 3 the administration of the personalized Vietnam veteran license 4 5 plates, twenty dollars (\$20) for each plate sold shall be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama 7 State Council, to be used to assist Vietnam veterans, and the 8 remaining balance shall be transferred by the state 9 Comptroller into the Alabama Veteran's Assistance Fund in the 10 State Treasury.

"(d) Fees paid pursuant to this section are a charitable contribution from the purchaser to the Alabama Veteran's Assistance Fund.

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- "(e) This section shall not affect the purchase of any veteran's tag that is not personalized.
 - "(f) License tags issued pursuant to this section shall be subject to the legislative oversight committee pursuant to Section 32-6-67."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month January 1, 2022, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
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9 10	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 10-FEB-21
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12 13	Read for the third time and passed as amended 13-APR-21
14	Yeas 90, Nays 0, Abstains 6
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