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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a distinctive license plate for disabled individuals displays the International Symbol of Access.

This bill would replace the International Symbol of Access with the Dynamic Accessibility Symbol.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicle registrations and license plates; to amend Sections 32-6-157, 32-6-231, 32-6-231.1, 32-6-231.2, and 40-12-300, Code of Alabama 1975, to replace the International Symbol of Access with the Dynamic Accessibility Symbol on distinctive license plates issued to individuals with disabilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 32-6-157, 32-6-231, 32-6-231.1, 32-6-231.2, and 40-12-300, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§32-6-157

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, distinctive and personalized license plates may be



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29 issued to trucks with gross vehicle weight not exceeding
30 10,000 pounds, ~~;~~ provided, ~~the provisions of~~ this section shall
31 not apply to distinctive military license plates or plates
32 with the ~~International Symbol of Access~~ Dynamic Accessibility
33 Symbol."

34 "§32-6-231

35 (a) Any ~~person~~ individual who submits to the license
36 issuing official a completed special access parking or
37 disability access parking application form approved by the
38 Commissioner of Revenue which includes the physician's
39 certification that he or she is an individual with a
40 disability shall be issued one removable windshield placard
41 displaying the ~~International Symbol of Access~~ Dynamic
42 Accessibility Symbol thereby designating the driver of the
43 vehicle or the passenger as being an individual with a
44 disability.

45 (1) The removable windshield placard shall be prepared
46 by the commissioner in conformity to Public Law 100-641 and
47 rulemaking resulting therefrom.

48 (2) a. The removable windshield placard issued to the
49 individual with a long-term disability shall expire after a
50 maximum period of five years or any period less than five
51 years to be designated by the commissioner. The placard shall
52 clearly reveal the expiration date and shall be designed in
53 accordance with Public Law 100-641 and rulemaking resulting
54 therefrom to hang from the front windshield rearview mirror
55 when the vehicle is parked in a parking space reserved for
56 ~~persons~~ individuals with disabilities. If the vehicle lacks a



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85 distinctive license plate" includes any of the following:
86 Medal of Honor license plate; Prisoners of War license plate;
87 Purple Heart Medal Recipients license plate; retired military
88 license plate; National Guard license plate; disabled veteran
89 license plate; Pearl Harbor survivors license plate; World War
90 II veterans license plate; Korean War veterans license plate;
91 veterans of the Battle of the Bulge license plate; veterans of
92 Desert Shield/Desert Storm license plate; Vietnam veterans
93 license plate; veterans of the United States Armed Forces
94 exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to the atomic
95 bomb and weapons testing from 1944 to 1962 license plate; and
96 any subsequently enacted distinctive license plates issued
97 exclusively to veterans.

98 (b) Any ~~person~~individual qualified to receive a
99 military distinctive license plate pursuant to this chapter,
100 who submits to the judge of probate, license commissioner, or
101 other issuing official authority medical proof satisfactory to
102 the Commissioner of Revenue that he or she is ~~a handicapped~~ an
103 individual with a disability in accordance with Public Law
104 100-641 and rulemaking resulting therefrom, shall be issued a
105 distinctive military license plate which is inscribed with the
106 ~~International Symbol of Access~~Dynamic Accessibility Symbol
107 designating the vehicle owner as being ~~a handicapped~~ an
108 individual with a disability. The Commissioner of Revenue
109 shall adopt procedures for the issuance of these distinctive
110 military license plates containing the ~~International Symbol of~~
111 ~~Access~~ Dynamic Accessibility Symbol. ~~Handicapped~~
112 ~~individuals~~Individuals with disabilities displaying these



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113 plates shall be allowed to park in parking zones designated
114 reserved for handicapped ~~persons~~individuals with disabilities
115 upon the payment of parking fees the same as any other
116 ~~person~~individual."

117 "§32-6-231.2

118 (a) Commencing on January 1, 2022, a vehicle owner who
119 is qualified to receive a distinctive license plate pursuant
120 to this chapter, who has a long-term disability, as defined in
121 Section 32-6-230, and who submits to the judge of probate,
122 license commissioner, or other issuing authority medical proof
123 satisfactory to the Commissioner of Revenue that he or she is
124 ~~a disabled~~an individual with a disability in accordance with
125 Public Law 100-641 and rulemaking resulting therefrom, may be
126 issued a license plate under this chapter or Chapter 12 of
127 Title 40, which displays the ~~International Symbol of~~
128 ~~Access~~Dynamic Accessibility Symbol.

129 (b) License plates displaying the ~~International Symbol~~
130 ~~of Access~~Dynamic Accessibility Symbol may be displayed on
131 private passenger automobiles, motorcycles, pickup trucks, or
132 self-propelled campers or house cars.

133 (c) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules necessary
134 to administer this section."

135 "§40-12-300

136 (a) (1) The distinctive license plates provided for
137 herein shall be prepared by the Commissioner of Revenue and
138 shall be issued through the county license issuing officials
139 of the state in the same manner as are other motor vehicle
140 license plates. An applicant for ~~such~~ a distinctive plate



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169 trucks, registered in the name of the ~~person~~individual, or
170 public or private agency, nursing home, church, or charitable
171 institution making application therefor, and when issued to
172 the applicant shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued
173 in lieu of the standard license plates normally issued for the
174 vehicle. This division shall not be construed to require an
175 individual with a disability to display a distinctive special
176 access or disability access license plate. It is ~~hereby~~
177 specifically provided that this division shall be construed in
178 pari materia with Section 32-6-231. The commissioner may make
179 any rules ~~or regulations~~ necessary to carry out this division.

180 (e) The commissioner may require all ~~persons~~individuals
181 with long-term disabilities to be recertified by a licensed
182 physician before special access parking or disability access
183 parking license plates may be reissued.

184 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a
185 motor vehicle may not be parked in an area reserved for
186 ~~handicapped parking unless the individual~~ individuals with
187 disabilities to park unless the individual with a disability
188 is in the vehicle."

189 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
190 1, 2024.