

1 HB489  
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5 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security  
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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3           Relating to distinctive license plates; to add  
4 Section 32-6-281 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide for  
5 distinctive license plates for emergency medical services  
6 providers; to provide criminal penalties for fraudulently  
7 obtaining a distinctive license plate; and in connection  
8 therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement  
9 of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the  
10 meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of  
11 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official  
12 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as  
13 amended.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15           Section 1. Section 32-6-281 is added to the Code of  
16 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

17           §32-6-281.

18           (a) As used in this section, "emergency medical  
19 services provider" or "EMSP" means a paramedic, emergency  
20 medical technician - intermediate, advanced emergency medical  
21 technician, or emergency medical technician who is currently  
22 licensed with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Office  
23 of Emergency Medical Services.

24           (b) (1) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64, 32-6-67,  
25 and 32-6-68, an EMSP, upon application and subject to this

1 section, may be issued a distinctive motor vehicle license  
2 plate as identification as an EMSP.

3 (2) In addition to the proper numbers, words, and  
4 insignias used on the standard license plate issued for motor  
5 vehicles, the distinctive plate issued for an EMSP shall have  
6 a design created by the Alabama Department of Public Health,  
7 Office of Emergency Medical Services.

8 (c) (1) The distinctive license plate provided in  
9 this section shall be approved by the Commissioner of Revenue  
10 and shall be issued through the judge of probate, license  
11 commissioner, or other license issuing official of the several  
12 counties of the state in the same manner as are other motor  
13 vehicle license plates or tags and the officers shall be  
14 entitled to their regular fees for the service.

15 (2) Proof of licensure as an EMSP shall be verified  
16 using the public license search on the Alabama Department of  
17 Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services website.  
18 Only an active, unexpired EMSP, as verified, may obtain a  
19 distinctive EMSP plate.

20 (3) The distinctive license plate issued under this  
21 section shall be used only upon and for personally owned,  
22 private, passenger vehicles, to include station wagons and  
23 pick-up trucks, registered in the name of the EMSP making  
24 application therefor, and when issued to the applicant shall

1 be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the  
2 standard license plate normally issued for the vehicle.

3 (d) Anyone who is proven to have either falsely  
4 obtained or certified an individual to obtain a distinctive  
5 EMSP license plate shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor,  
6 and upon conviction, shall be punished according to law.

7 (e) The distinctive plate as provided by this  
8 section shall be prepared and furnished for the licensing year  
9 commencing January 1, 2020, and thereafter as is provided by  
10 law for the issuance of other license plates.

11 (f) The Department of Revenue may adopt any rules  
12 necessary to administer this section.

13 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its  
14 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
15 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further  
16 requirements and application under Amendment 621, now  
17 appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of  
18 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the  
19 bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an  
20 existing crime.

21 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
22 first day of the third month following its passage and  
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

