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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law provides for distinctive  
9 license plates for certain organizations, including  
10 a distinctive plate for firefighters and retired  
11 firefighters.

12 This bill would provide for distinctive  
13 license plates for retired professional  
14 firefighters in addition to the existing tag.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to distinctive license plates for motor  
21 vehicles; to provide for distinctive license plates for  
22 retired professional firefighters.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. As used in this act, "retired  
25 professional firefighter" means a retired member of a paid or  
26 part-paid fire department of a city, town, county, or other  
27 subdivision of the state, including the chief, assistant

1 chief, warden, engineer, captain, firemen, and all other  
2 officers and employees of the department who actually engaged  
3 in fire fighting or rendering first aid at the scene of an  
4 accident.

5 Section 2. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64,  
6 32-6-67 and 32-6-68 of the Code of Alabama 1975, a retired  
7 professional firefighter, upon application and subject to the  
8 provisions of this act, may be issued a distinctive motor  
9 vehicle license plate or tag as identification as a retired  
10 professional firefighter.

11 (b) In addition to the proper numbers, words, and  
12 insignias used on the standard license plate or tag issued for  
13 motor vehicles, the distinctive plates or tags so issued for a  
14 retired professional firefighter shall have a design created  
15 by the state association of professional firefighters in  
16 coordination with the Mobile Retired Firefighters and  
17 Paramedics Association and the Tuscaloosa Retired Firefighters  
18 Association.

19 Section 3. (a) The distinctive license plate  
20 provided herein shall be prepared by the Commissioner of  
21 Revenue and shall be issued through the judge of probate,  
22 license commissioner, or other license issuing official of the  
23 several counties of the state in the same manner as are other  
24 motor vehicle license plates or tags and the officers shall be  
25 entitled to their regular fees for the service.

26 (b) By December 1 of each year, the Firefighters'  
27 Personnel Standards and Education Commission shall submit to

1 the judge of probate, the license commissioner, or other  
2 license issuing official of each county a list of eligible  
3 retired professional firefighters retired from paid or  
4 part-paid fire departments under this act.

5 (c) Upon the initial application for a distinctive  
6 license plate under this act, an applicant for a distinctive  
7 plate provided herein shall present to the judge of probate,  
8 the license commissioner, or other license issuing official of  
9 the county, proof of his or her retirement from a fire  
10 department that is included on the list provided by the  
11 Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission.  
12 Proof of the person's retirement from a fire department  
13 included on the list from the Firefighters' Personnel  
14 Standards and Education Commission is not required for renewal  
15 of the distinctive plate.

16 (d) Upon the applicant submitting proof of his or  
17 her identification, the retired professional firefighter shall  
18 be issued the requested number of distinctive license plates  
19 or tags upon the payment of the regular license fee for tags,  
20 as provided by law, but shall not be required to pay the three  
21 dollar (\$3) fee.

22 (e) The distinctive license plates or tags so issued  
23 shall be used only upon and for personally owned, private,  
24 passenger vehicles, to include station wagons and pick-up  
25 trucks, registered in the name of the retired professional  
26 firefighter making application therefor, and when so issued to  
27 the applicant shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued

1 in lieu of the standard license plates or license tags  
2 normally issued for the vehicle.

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

8 Section 4. Distinctive plates or tags as provided by  
9 this act shall be prepared and furnished for the licensing  
10 year commencing January 1, 2012, and thereafter as is provided  
11 by law for the issuance of other license plates.

12 Section 5. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
13 with this act are repealed.

14 Section 6. 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.