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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a resident veteran who
9 is the recipient of the Silver Star or Bronze Star
10 may receive a distinctive permanent motor vehicle
11 license plate under certain conditions if the
12 veteran presents evidence of receipt of the award
13 on the form DD214. Because the form DD214 was not
14 used until after January 1, 1950, this requirement
15 prevents some veterans awarded the Silver Star or
16 Bronze Star from obtaining the distinctive license
17 plate.

18 This bill would delete the requirement that
19 a resident veteran who received the Silver Star or
20 the Bronze Star present proof evidenced on the form
21 DD214 in order to be issued a permanent distinctive
22 license plate.

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24 A BILL
25 TO BE ENTITLED
26 AN ACT
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1 To amend Section 32-6-250, Code of Alabama 1975,
2 relating to the issuance of military veteran distinctive
3 permanent license plates; to delete the requirement that
4 recipients of the Silver Star or Bronze Star present proof
5 evidenced on the form DD214 in order to be issued the
6 distinctive license plates.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Section 32-6-250 of the Code of Alabama
9 1975, is amended to read as follows:

10 "§32-6-250.

11 "(a) A distinctive permanent license plate shall be
12 issued to any resident of the state who is a recipient of the
13 Medal of Honor or the widow of a recipient of the Medal of
14 Honor, to any resident who is a recipient of the Purple Heart
15 Medal, to any resident who is a member of the Legion of Valor
16 with positive proof of membership and the award of the Medal
17 of Honor, the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy
18 Cross, or the Air Force Cross, to any resident who is a
19 recipient of the Silver Star ~~as evidenced on the form DD214,~~
20 to any resident who is a recipient of the Bronze Star ~~as~~
21 ~~evidenced on the form DD214,~~ or to any resident who shows by
22 satisfactory proof that he or she was a duly recognized former
23 prisoner of war, for use on a private motor vehicle registered
24 in the name of the resident. There shall be no fee or tax for
25 the license plate, except Purple Heart Medal recipients shall
26 pay ad valorem taxes on vehicles for which the distinctive
27 plates are issued, Silver Star and Bronze Star recipients

1 shall pay the regular registration fee and ad valorem taxes
2 and an annual additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), and
3 no recipient shall receive a plate for more than one vehicle
4 except as provided in subsection (c).

5 "(b) A former prisoner of war for purposes of this
6 section is a person who, as a member of the United States
7 Armed Forces, or while serving with a formal United States
8 ally force, or as a United States civilian, was held as a
9 prisoner of war during any armed conflict by forces hostile to
10 the United States.

11 "(c) A person eligible to be issued a distinctive
12 license plate under this section may be issued additional
13 distinctive license plates, under any of the above license
14 plate categories, if the person otherwise qualifies to receive
15 the distinctive license plate, upon payment of all license tax
16 and registration fees, including ad valorem taxes, for the
17 vehicles and an annual additional fee of twenty-five dollars
18 (\$25) for the Silver Star and the Bronze Star distinctive
19 license plates. Annual renewal decals shall be provided after
20 payment, if required, of license fees and taxes for the years
21 during which a new tag or plate is not issued as provided in
22 Section 32-6-63."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.