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3 By Senator Waggoner (N & P)  
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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to Jefferson County; to amend Act 2012-196  
14 of the 2012 Regular Session (Acts 2012, p. 325), as amended by  
15 Act 2014-7 of the 2014 Regular Session, authorizing the  
16 designated city officers or employees of cities in the county  
17 to issue motor vehicle registrations; to specify the  
18 collection and retention of issuance fees; to specify the  
19 deduction and retention of commissions on the collection of  
20 certain taxes; and to provide for retroactive effect.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. Section 2 of Act 2012-196 of the 2012  
23 Regular Session (Acts 2012, p. 325), as amended by Act 2014-7  
24 of the 2014 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

25 "Section 2. (a) In Jefferson County, the mayor of  
26 any city in the county may designate a city officer or  
27 employee to issue motor vehicle registrations, to include the

1 issuance of license plates. The city license plate issuing  
2 ~~official or employee~~ may not issue license plates when a  
3 vehicle has not been previously registered in this state by or  
4 in the name of the current vehicle owner. The city license  
5 plate issuing official may only issue motor vehicle  
6 registrations for a resident of the city. The city license  
7 plate issuing official, or his or her agents or employees,  
8 shall collect the registration fees, and ad valorem taxes, ~~and~~  
9 ~~issuance fees~~ on the vehicle and remit the registration fees  
10 and taxes ~~less any issuance fee and commissions retained by~~  
11 ~~the city,~~ in the same manner as the county license plate  
12 issuing official. ~~The~~ In addition, the city license plate  
13 issuing official, or his or her agents or employees, shall  
14 collect the same issuance fees as provided for the county  
15 license plate issuing official, which fees shall be retained  
16 by the city and credited to the city general fund. In  
17 addition, the city may levy and collect an additional issuance  
18 fee as provided in subsection (b). The city shall also deduct  
19 and retain in the city general fund all commissions on the  
20 assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes in the same  
21 manner as the county license issuing official, except that the  
22 calculation of commissions for assessments and collections of  
23 taxes on motor vehicles for the General Fund of the state and  
24 the general fund of the county shall be ~~calculated~~ at a rate  
25 of 1 percent for assessments and 1 percent for collections.  
26 The city shall be audited by the Examiners of Public Accounts  
27 related to the issuance of motor vehicle registrations

1 pursuant to this act. The city shall be responsible for any  
2 shortages as determined by the audit. The city license plate  
3 issuing official and his or her employees shall be bonded by a  
4 bonding company authorized to do business in this state in  
5 such sums sufficient to cover the amounts set out in Section  
6 12-13-33, Code of Alabama 1975, for probate judges. The bond  
7 shall be conditioned as other official bonds are conditioned  
8 and shall be approved by the mayor and the city council of the  
9 city.

10 "(b) The city council of a city that issues motor  
11 vehicle registrations pursuant to this section may levy an  
12 annual additional issuance fee, not to exceed five dollars  
13 (\$5), for each motor vehicle plate issued by the city license  
14 plate issuing official. The annual additional fee authorized  
15 by this section shall become due at the same time the state  
16 registration fee becomes due. The annual additional fee shall  
17 not be collected more than once per vehicle during a  
18 registration year. The local issuance fee collected pursuant  
19 to this subsection shall be deposited into the general fund of  
20 the city levying the fee and shall be used for the operation  
21 of the city license plate issuing official's office."

22 Section 2. The provisions of this act are remedial  
23 and curative to clarify legislative intent of Act 2012-196, as  
24 amended.

25 Section 3. This act shall be retroactive to April 1,  
26 2014, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or  
27 its otherwise becoming law.

