

1 HB262  
2 115526-5  
3 By Representative Laird  
4 RFD: Public Safety  
5 First Read: 14-JAN-10

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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3 To amend Section 32-6-272, Code of Alabama 1975,  
4 relating to the issuance of distinctive motor vehicle license  
5 plates, to require the Alabama Forestry Commission and the  
6 Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission to  
7 prepare lists of persons eligible for distinctive motor  
8 vehicle license plates; and to provide for the receipt of a  
9 free license plate for a widow or widower of a volunteer  
10 firefighter, or any firefighter who dies in the line of duty.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. Section 32-6-272, Code of Alabama 1975,  
13 is amended to read as follows:

14 "§32-6-272.

15 "(a) The distinctive license plates here provided  
16 for shall be prepared by the Commissioner of Revenue and shall  
17 be issued through the judge of probate, license commissioner,  
18 or other license issuing official of the several counties of  
19 the state in like manner as are other motor vehicle license  
20 plates or tags and such officers shall be entitled to their  
21 regular fees for such service. ~~An applicant for a distinctive  
22 plate shall present to the license issuing official proof of  
23 his or her membership in a fire department by means of  
24 certificate signed by the chief officer of the applicant on a  
25 form prescribed by the Alabama Forestry Commission. The~~

1 ~~Alabama Forestry Commission shall prepare a list of certified~~  
 2 ~~volunteer fire departments and federal fire departments and~~  
 3 ~~the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission~~  
 4 ~~shall prepare a list of all paid or part-paid fire~~  
 5 ~~departments. The Forestry Commission and the Firefighters'~~  
 6 ~~Personnel Standards and Education Commission shall submit to~~  
 7 ~~the judge of probate, license commissioner, or other license~~  
 8 ~~issuing official of each county by December 1 of each year the~~  
 9 ~~lists of the eligible fire departments.~~

10 "(b) The Alabama Forestry Commission shall prepare a  
 11 list of all members of certified volunteer fire departments  
 12 and the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education  
 13 Commission shall prepare a list of all members of paid or  
 14 part-paid fire departments. The Forestry Commission and the  
 15 Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission  
 16 shall submit to the judge of probate, license commissioner, or  
 17 other license issuing official of each county by December 1 of  
 18 each year the lists of members of fire departments.

19 "(c) An applicant for a distinctive plate shall  
 20 present to the issuing official proof of his or her  
 21 identification, and the firefighter shall be issued the  
 22 requested number of distinctive license plates or tags upon  
 23 the payment of the regular license fee for tags, as provided  
 24 by law, but shall not be required to pay the three dollar (\$3)  
 25 fee. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be

1 used only upon and for personally-owned, private, passenger  
2 vehicles, to include station wagons and pick-up trucks,  
3 registered in the name of the firefighter making application  
4 therefor, and when so issued to the applicant shall be used  
5 upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard  
6 license plates or license tags normally issued for such  
7 vehicle.

8 "(d) Any person who joins a volunteer, paid, or  
9 part-paid fire department after December 1 of any year or any  
10 person who is mistakenly omitted from the lists prepared as  
11 described above may obtain a distinctive plate by presenting  
12 to the license issuing official proof of his or her membership  
13 in a fire department by means of a certificate signed by the  
14 chief of the department on a form prescribed by the Alabama  
15 Forestry Commission.

16 "(e) Anyone who is proven to have either falsely  
17 obtained or certified an individual to obtain a distinctive  
18 firefighter license plate shall be guilty of a Class C  
19 misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished according  
20 to law.

21 "(f) A distinctive license plate shall be provided,  
22 upon written request, to a widow or widower of either of a  
23 paid, part-paid or a volunteer firefighter who dies in the  
24 line of duty. For purposes of this subsection, a death in the  
25 line of duty is determined by a circumstance in which a

1 municipal firefighter's death would result in a death benefit  
2 under Section 11-43-144."

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
4 first day of the third month following its passage and  
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 26-JAN-10, as amended.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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