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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, emergency medical services providers (EMSP) may purchase distinctive motor vehicle license plates for their personally owned vehicles to allow for their identification as an EMSP.

This bill would provide for the distribution of proceeds from the sales of distinctive motor vehicle license plates to emergency medical services providers.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to distinctive motor vehicle license plates; to amend Section 32-6-281, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the distribution of proceeds of sales of distinctive motor vehicle license plates to emergency medical services providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 32-6-281, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§32-6-281

(a) As used in this section, "emergency medical services provider" or "EMSP" means a paramedic, emergency



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29 medical technician - intermediate, advanced emergency medical
30 technician, or emergency medical technician who is currently
31 licensed with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Office
32 of Emergency Medical Services.

33 (b) (1) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64, 32-6-67, and
34 32-6-68, an EMSP, upon application and subject to this
35 section, may be issued a distinctive motor vehicle license
36 plate as identification as an EMSP.

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

42 (c) (1) The distinctive license plate provided in this
43 section shall be approved by the Commissioner of Revenue and
44 shall be issued through the judge of probate, license
45 commissioner, or other license issuing official of the several
46 counties of the state in the same manner as are other motor
47 vehicle license plates or tags ~~and the officers shall be~~
48 ~~entitled to their regular fees for the service.~~

49 (2) Proof of licensure as an EMSP shall be verified
50 using the public license search on the Alabama Department of
51 Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services website.
52 Only an active, unexpired EMSP, as verified, may obtain a
53 distinctive EMSP plate.

54 (3) The distinctive license plate issued under this
55 section shall be used only upon and for personally owned,
56 private, passenger vehicles, to include station wagons and



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57 pick-up trucks, registered in the name of the EMSP making
58 application for the license plate, and when issued to the
59 applicant shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in
60 lieu of the standard license plate normally issued for the
61 vehicle.

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

66 (e) The distinctive plate as provided by this section
67 shall be prepared and furnished for the licensing year
68 commencing January 1, 2020, and thereafter, as is provided by
69 law ~~for the issuance of other license plates~~ and shall be
70 issued, printed and processed like other distinctive and
71 personalized plates provided for in this chapter.

72 (f) The additional revenues derived from the sale of
73 the distinctive motor vehicle license plates shall be
74 distributed by the Comptroller as follows: 50 percent to the
75 Alabama Association of Ambulance Services and 50 percent to
76 the Alabama EMS Association.

77 ~~(f)~~ (g) The Department of Revenue may adopt any rules
78 necessary to administer this section."

79 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
80 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
81 or its otherwise becoming law.