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3 By Senator Livingston
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, recipients of certain
9 military decorations such as the Medal of Honor,
10 Purple Heart, Silver Star, Army Distinguished
11 Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross may
12 receive a distinctive license plate recognizing
13 receipt of the honor.

14 This bill would provide a distinctive
15 license plate for recipients of the Distinguished
16 Flying Cross.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT
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22 To amend Sections 32-6-250 and 32-6-251, relating to
23 distinctive motor vehicle license plates for certain veterans,
24 to provide a distinctive license plate for recipients of the
25 Distinguished Flying Cross; and to provide for the issuance of
26 the plates and payment of registration fees and taxes
27 associated with the plate.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Sections 32-6-250 and 32-6-251 of the
3 Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

4 "§32-6-250.

5 "(a) A distinctive permanent license plate shall be
6 issued to any resident of the state who is a recipient of the
7 Medal of Honor or the widow of a recipient of the Medal of
8 Honor, to any resident who is a recipient of the Purple Heart
9 Medal, to any resident who is a member of the Legion of Valor
10 with positive proof of membership and the award of the Medal
11 of Honor, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Army
12 Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force
13 Cross, to any resident who is a recipient of the Silver Star
14 as evidenced on the form DD214, to any resident who is a
15 recipient of the Bronze Star as evidenced on the form DD214,
16 or to any resident who shows by satisfactory proof that he or
17 she was a duly recognized former prisoner of war, for use on a
18 private motor vehicle registered in the name of the resident.
19 There shall be no fee or tax for the license plate, except
20 Purple Heart Medal recipients shall pay ad valorem taxes on
21 vehicles for which the distinctive plates are issued,
22 Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, and Bronze Star
23 recipients shall pay the regular registration fee and ad
24 valorem taxes and an annual additional fee of twenty-five
25 dollars (\$25), and no recipient shall receive a plate for more
26 than one vehicle except as provided in subsection (c).

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

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

19 "§32-6-251.

20 "The special plates shall be of the same size as
21 regular motor vehicle license plates, distinguished by the
22 letters MOH, LOV, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star,
23 Bronze Star, or PHM to be of a different color scheme and
24 design to any other vehicle plate in this state, or POW to be
25 of the same color scheme as other distinguished military
26 plates in this state, whichever distinctive design applies,
27 the nature of which shall be prescribed by a committee to be

1 appointed by the chief legislative sponsors of this division.
2 The net proceeds of the additional revenues from the sales of
3 the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, and the Bronze
4 Star distinctive military plates, less the administrative
5 costs including the costs of production incurred by the
6 Department of Revenue in producing the plates, shall be
7 distributed by each judge of probate or license commissioner
8 to the state Comptroller. The state Comptroller shall
9 distribute the proceeds into the Alabama Veterans' Assistance
10 Fund in the State Treasury."

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective October
12 1, 2017.