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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there is no provision
9 for the issuance of a distinctive motor vehicle
10 license plate that would indicate a person in a
11 vehicle has been medically diagnosed with a sensory
12 issue, including, but not limited to, autism,
13 dementia, Down syndrome, Parkinson's disease, post
14 traumatic stress disorder, or stroke.

15 This bill would provide that a person could
16 submit verification to the Department of Revenue
17 that he or she or a person under his or her care
18 has been medically diagnosed with a sensory issue
19 and qualifies for the issuance of a distinctive
20 motor vehicle license plate indicating that a
21 person in the vehicle has a sensory issue.

22 This bill would provide for a fee and for
23 distribution of the net proceeds from the sale of
24 the license plates.

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26 A BILL
27 TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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3 To provide for the Sensory Awareness Tag Act; to
4 provide for a distinctive motor vehicle license plate that
5 indicates that a person in the vehicle has been medically
6 diagnosed with a sensory issue; to provide procedures for
7 obtaining the license plate; to provide for a fee; and to
8 provide for the distribution of the net proceeds from the sale
9 of the license plates.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be
12 cited as the Sensory Awareness Tag Act.

13 (b) For the purposes of this section, the following
14 term shall have the following meaning:

15 SENSORY ISSUE. A medically diagnosed condition that
16 affects the senses, including, but not limited to, autism,
17 dementia, Down syndrome, Parkinson's disease, post traumatic
18 stress disorder, and stroke.

19 (c) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64, as last
20 amended by Act 2015-362 of the 2015 Regular Session, 32-6-67,
21 and 32-6-68 of the Code of Alabama 1975, upon application to
22 the judge of probate or license commissioner, accompanied by
23 proof of eligibility as provided for herein, compliance with
24 motor vehicle registration and licensing laws, payment of
25 regular fees required by law for license plates for private
26 passenger or pleasure motor vehicles, and payment of an
27 additional annual fee of fifty dollars (\$50), a person who is

1 a resident of Alabama may be issued a distinctive motor
2 vehicle license plate indicating that a person in the vehicle
3 has been medically diagnosed with a sensory issue.

4 (d) The Department of Revenue shall establish by
5 rule the proof of eligibility required to be produced by a
6 person who requests a distinctive motor vehicle license plate
7 under this section. The person shall show proof that he or she
8 or a person under his or her care has been medically diagnosed
9 with a sensory issue.

10 (e) The license plates provided for by this section
11 shall be valid for five years, and may then be replaced with a
12 new license plate.

13 (f) Payment of required license fees and taxes for
14 the years during which a new license plate is not issued shall
15 be evidenced as provided in Section 32-6-63 of the Code of
16 Alabama 1975.

17 (g) The distinctive motor vehicle license plates
18 shall be issued, printed, and processed like other distinctive
19 and personalized license plates provided for by Chapter 6 of
20 Title 32 of the Code of Alabama 1975.

21 (h) KultureCity, a 501(c)(3) entity, shall be
22 responsible for the design of the distinctive motor vehicle
23 license plate, subject to the approval by the Commissioner of
24 the Department of Revenue, and in compliance with all laws and
25 rules.

26 (i) The annual additional fee for the distinctive
27 motor vehicle license plates shall be distributed in

1 accordance with Section 32-6-68 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
2 except the KultureCity portion of the fee shall be used to
3 provide funding for continued training of sensory initiatives.

4 (j) The Department of Revenue may promulgate rules
5 to implement this section.

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