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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law does not allow the issuance of
9 distinctive tags for motorcycles and motor-driven
10 cycles for colleges or universities participating
11 in the distinctive tag program or for the
12 environmental distinctive tag program.

13 This bill would allow the issuance of
14 distinctive tags for motorcycles and motor-driven
15 cycles for colleges or universities participating
16 in the distinctive tag program and for the
17 environmental distinctive tag program.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 To amend Section 32-6-150, Code of Alabama 1975, to
24 allow the preparation of distinctive tags for motorcycles and
25 motor-driven cycles for colleges and universities
26 participating in the distinctive tag program or for the
27 environmental distinctive tag program.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 32-6-150, Code of Alabama 1975,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 "§32-6-150.

5 "(a) Owners of motor vehicles, motorcycles, and
6 motor-driven cycles who are residents of Alabama, upon
7 application to the judge of probate or commissioner of
8 licenses complying with the state motor vehicle laws relating
9 to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and payment of
10 the regular license fee for tags ~~or plates~~ as provided by law
11 for private passenger, pleasure motor vehicles, motorcycles,
12 or motor-driven cycles and the payment of an additional annual
13 fee of fifty dollars (\$50), shall be issued personalized
14 license tags ~~or plates~~ upon which, in lieu of the numbers
15 prescribed by law, shall be inscribed special letters,
16 figures, numbers, or other marks, emblems, symbols, or badges
17 of distinction or personal prestige or a combination of these
18 as are approved for and assigned to the application by the
19 Department of Revenue.

20 "(b) ~~Except for license tags or plates for~~
21 ~~motorcycles or motor-driven cycles, the~~ The special marks or
22 badges of distinction shall include distinctive tags, assigned
23 by the Department of Revenue for each of those public two-year
24 and four-year colleges and universities and private four-year
25 colleges or universities and Athens State University
26 participating in the distinctive tag program and the
27 Environmental Distinctive Tag Program. The distinctive tags

1 shall be issued, printed, and processed in the same manner as
2 other personalized tags are in this chapter. The fee for the
3 distinctive tags shall be the amount provided in subsection
4 (a). The distinctive tags shall be valid for five years and
5 shall be replaced at the end of the period with conventional
6 tags or other personalized tags. Payment of the required motor
7 vehicle license fees and taxes for the years during which a
8 new vehicle license ~~plate~~ tag is not issued shall be evidenced
9 as provided for in Section 32-6-63. The board of trustees of
10 the respective four-year colleges and universities shall
11 design, or have designed, the distinctive tag for a four-year
12 college or university subject to approval by the Commissioner
13 of Revenue and in compliance with all pertinent laws and
14 regulations. The president of each two-year college shall be
15 responsible for having the distinctive tag for his or her
16 two-year college designed subject to approval by the
17 Legislative Oversight Committee created pursuant to Section
18 32-6-67 and to approval by the Commissioner of Revenue and in
19 compliance with all laws and regulations.

20 "(c) The Troy University distinctive tags issued
21 January 1, 1987, through October 31, 1987, shall continue to
22 be valid without payment of the additional fee provided in
23 this section until the expiration date in the year 1992, or
24 until otherwise becoming invalid or expired provided the
25 regular annual license fees continue to be paid each year.

26 "(d) Each college or university desiring a
27 distinctive tag shall pay to the Department of Revenue the sum

1 as the commissioner may require to cover the cost of
2 production of the tags requested by the college or university
3 before production occurs.

4 "(e) Legacy, Inc. shall pay to the Department of
5 Revenue the sum the commissioner may require to cover the
6 costs of production of the personalized environmental
7 distinctive tags before production occurs."

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