

1 SB23  
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3 By Senator Holtzclaw  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would establish a new distinctive  
9 motor vehicle license plate for veterans who have  
10 received the Bronze Star, provide a fee, and  
11 provide for distribution of the fee to the  
12 Veterans' Assistance Fund in the State Treasury.

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14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to military distinctive motor vehicle  
19 plates or tags; to establish a new distinctive license plate  
20 category for recipients of the Bronze Star; to provide a fee  
21 for the license plate; and to provide for distribution of the  
22 proceeds from the fee.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64,  
25 32-6-65, 32-6-67, and 32-6-68 of the Code of Alabama 1975,  
26 upon application to the judge of probate, license commissioner  
27 or other issuing official, compliance with motor vehicle

1 registration and licensing laws, payment of regular fees  
2 required by law for license tags or plates, and payment of an  
3 annual additional fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for private  
4 passenger or pleasure motor vehicles, owners of motor vehicles  
5 who are residents of Alabama and are recipients of the Bronze  
6 Star shall be issued distinctive "Bronze Star" license tags or  
7 plates. These tags or plates shall be valid for five years,  
8 and may then be replaced with either conventional or new  
9 distinctive tags or plates. An applicant for a "Bronze Star"  
10 license plate shall submit his or her DD Form 214 to the  
11 license issuing official as proof that he or she is the  
12 recipient of a Bronze Star.

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

17 (c) The license plate shall be designed by the  
18 Department of Veterans Affairs and approved by the Department  
19 of Revenue.

20 (d) The tags or plates shall be issued, printed, and  
21 processed like other distinctive plates provided in this  
22 chapter.

23 (e) The net proceeds of the additional revenues  
24 derived from sales of the distinctive plates, less  
25 administrative costs including the costs of production  
26 incurred by the Department of Revenue in producing the plates,  
27 shall be distributed by each judge of probate or license

1 commissioner to the state Comptroller. The state Comptroller  
2 shall distribute the proceeds into the Alabama Veterans'  
3 Assistance Fund in the State Treasury.

4 Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
5 with this act are repealed.

6 Section 3. 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.