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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To amend Section 32-6-65, Code of Alabama 1975,
6 relating to penalties for late motor vehicle license renewals
7 by military personnel on deployment during the registrant's
8 renewal month; to provide that a registrant on military
9 deployment during any part of his or her designated renewal
10 month would have an additional 30 calendar days from the date
11 the deployment ends to renew his or her motor vehicle
12 registration without incurring a late registration penalty or
13 associated interest charges.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15 Section 1. Section 32-6-65, Code of Alabama 1975, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "§32-6-65.

18 "(a) There shall be one uniform registration renewal
19 form to be used statewide. Such form shall be designed so as
20 to provide for both the transfer of ownership and the
21 registration of the vehicle. All receipts shall be sent to the
22 county agencies charged with handling vehicle registration.
23 All receipts shall be machine prepared. The state and the
24 county shall capture the color of the motor vehicle in their
25 permanent records. This ~~paragraph~~ subsection shall not give

1 the Department of Revenue authority to centralize vehicle
2 registration. Centralized registration is specifically
3 prohibited and it is the legislative intent that automotive
4 vehicle registration shall remain at the county level.

5 " (b) (1) A penalty of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be
6 assessed by the official charged with issuing motor vehicle
7 licenses for the late registration of a motor vehicle. "Late
8 registration of a motor vehicle" shall include (1) the failure
9 to register the vehicle within 20 calendar days of the date of
10 purchase or acquisition; (2) the failure to renew the
11 registration in the designated renewal month; and (3) the
12 failure to register the vehicle in accordance with the
13 provisions of Section 40-12-262(a). It shall be the duty of
14 all sheriffs, police officers, state troopers, license
15 inspectors, deputy license inspectors, field agents of the
16 Department of Revenue, and other law enforcement officers to
17 arrest any person operating a motor vehicle without the
18 current license plate displaying the proper tab, disc, or
19 decal. Persons apprehended for operating a motor vehicle
20 without the current license plate, upon conviction by a court
21 of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined not less than
22 twenty-five dollars (\$25).

23 "(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), any person on
24 military deployment during any part of his or her designated
25 registration renewal month, except a person with a discharge

1 characterization of "dishonorable" or "other than honorable,"
2 who renews his or her motor vehicle registration within 30
3 calendar days from the date the deployment ends shall not be
4 assessed a late registration penalty or associated interest
5 charges. Evidence of military deployment shall be documented
6 using military deployment orders, a government issued
7 Statement of Service letter, Form DD214 "Certificate of
8 Release or Discharge from Active Duty," or a letter from the
9 registrant's unit commander certifying the date that his or
10 her deployment ended.

11 "(c) All penalties assessed by this section shall be
12 distributed in the same manner as motor vehicle licenses and
13 registration fees are distributed as provided in Sections
14 40-12-269 and 40-12-270. Portions of Section 40-12-10 as they
15 may conflict with this section, are hereby repealed and
16 superseded."

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Passed: 01-APR-14

By: Senator Taylor