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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, license plates for all
9 vehicles except private passenger automobiles and
10 pickup trucks with a gross vehicle weight under
11 12,000 pounds are valid for one year and are
12 replaced at the end of the period. License plates
13 for private passenger automobiles and pickup trucks
14 with a gross vehicle weight under 12,000 pounds are
15 valid for a period of five years and are replaced
16 at the end of that period.

17 This bill would delete the existing law and
18 would authorize the Commissioner of Revenue to
19 prescribe the number of years motor vehicle license
20 plates designs would be valid, provided that the
21 minimum period would be five years. This bill would
22 allow license plates of the same design to continue
23 to be used and not replaced. This bill would not
24 apply to a license plate with a permanent design,
25 such as a distinctive license plate.

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27 A BILL

1 TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT

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4 Relating to motor vehicle license plates; to amend
5 Section 32-6-62, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the
6 Commissioner of Revenue may prescribe the number of years
7 motor vehicle license plate designs would be valid.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. Section 32-6-62, Code of Alabama 1975, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "§32-6-62.

12 ~~"(a) The license plates for private passenger~~
13 ~~automobiles and pickup trucks, such truck being defined as any~~
14 ~~truck with two axles and a gross weight not exceeding 12,000~~
15 ~~pounds, shall be valid for five years and shall be replaced at~~
16 ~~the end of that period. License plates for all other vehicles~~
17 ~~shall be valid for one year and shall be replaced at the end~~
18 ~~of that period.~~

19 ~~"(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to~~
20 ~~the contrary, beginning January 1, 2007, any vehicle~~
21 ~~registered pursuant to the International Registration Plan~~
22 ~~shall be issued a license plate valid for a period of up to~~
23 ~~five years, or any number of years to be designated by the~~
24 ~~commissioner.~~

25 "(a) Subject to subsection (b), all motor vehicle
26 license plate designs shall be valid for not less than five

1 years. The Commissioner of Revenue may authorize a license
2 plate design to be valid for more than five years.

3 "(b) Subsection (a) shall not affect any law which
4 designates a license plate design to be permanent."

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