

1 SB383
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3 By Senator Smith
4 RFD: Veterans and Military Affairs
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, certain persons who
9 were former prisoners of war may receive a
10 distinctive license plate based on that service.

11 This bill would create a new distinctive
12 POW/MIA license plate category for motor vehicles
13 and a new distinctive POW/MIA tag for motorcycles.
14 This bill would provide that the distinctive
15 POW/MIA tag would be of a different design than the
16 POW tag available only to persons who were
17 certified as a POW. This bill would provide that
18 any resident motor vehicle owner could receive the
19 distinctive POW/MIA motor vehicle tag or
20 distinctive motorcycle tag upon payment of an
21 additional fee. This bill would also provide that
22 the additional annual fee would be paid to the
23 Veterans' Assistance Fund in the State Treasury.

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25 A BILL
26 TO BE ENTITLED
27 AN ACT

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2 Relating to distinctive motor vehicle license plates
3 and motorcycle license plates; to create a distinctive POW/MIA
4 motor vehicle and motorcycle license plate; to provide that
5 the distinctive license plates would be available to any
6 resident motor vehicle or motorcycle owner upon payment of an
7 additional annual fee; and to provide for the distribution of
8 the proceeds of the additional fee.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. (a) (1) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64,
11 32-6-65, 32-6-67, and 32-6-68, Code of Alabama 1975, except
12 for the requirements for Quantity Class 2 applications
13 provided herein, upon application to the judge of probate,
14 license commissioner, or other issuing official, compliance
15 with motor vehicle registration and licensing laws, payment of
16 regular fees required by law for license plates for private
17 passenger or pleasure motor vehicles, and payment of an
18 additional annual fee of five dollars (\$5), owners of motor
19 vehicles who are residents of Alabama shall be issued
20 distinctive POW/MIA license plates. These license plates shall
21 be valid for five years, and may then be replaced with either
22 conventional, personalized, or new POW/MIA license plates. The
23 license plate shall not be printed and issued until
24 applications for the quantity required for regular private
25 passenger or pleasure motor vehicle license plates for a
26 Quantity Class 2 license plate are received by the state

1 Comptroller in the same manner as provided in Section 32-6-64,
2 Code of Alabama 1975.

3 (2) Upon application to the judge of probate,
4 license commissioner, or other issuing official, compliance
5 with motor vehicle registration and licensing laws, payment of
6 regular fees required by law for motorcycle license plates,
7 and payment of an additional annual fee of five dollars (\$5),
8 owners of motorcycles who are residents of Alabama shall be
9 issued distinctive POW/MIA motorcycle license plates. The
10 license plate shall be valid for five years and may then be
11 replaced with a new conventional, personalized, or POW/MIA
12 motorcycle license plate. Notwithstanding this section, the
13 motorcycle license plates shall only be printed and issued as
14 long as the POW/MIA distinctive license plate qualifies for a
15 distinctive license plate category pursuant to subdivision
16 (1).

17 (b) Payment of required license fees and taxes for
18 the years during which new license plates are not issued shall
19 be evidenced as provided in Section 32-6-63, Code of Alabama
20 1975.

21 (c) The POW/MIA license plates shall be designed by
22 the Department of Veterans' Affairs and approved by the
23 Department of Revenue. The design shall be of a different
24 design than the distinctive POW license plate authorized
25 pursuant to Section 32-6-250, Code of Alabama 1975, and shall
26 contain the term POW/MIA.

1 (d) The license plates shall be issued, printed, and
2 processed like other distinctive and personalized license
3 plates provided in Chapter 6 of Title 32, Code of Alabama
4 1975.

5 (e) The net proceeds of the additional revenues
6 derived from sales of the license plates produced pursuant to
7 this section, less administrative costs, shall be distributed
8 by the judge of probate, license commissioner, or other
9 issuing official to the office of the state Comptroller which
10 shall distribute the proceeds to the Alabama Veterans'
11 Assistance Fund in the State Treasury.

12 (f) The Department of Revenue may promulgate rules
13 to implement this section.

14 Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
15 with this act are repealed.

16 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
17 first day of the third month following its passage and
18 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.