

1 SB447  
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3 By Senator Whatley  
4 RFD: Veterans and Military Affairs  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a resident of this state  
9 who is a recipient of the Medal of Honor or the  
10 widow of a recipient of the Medal of Honor, a  
11 recipient of the Purple Heart Medal, or a former  
12 prisoner of war may receive a free distinctive  
13 license plate.

14 This bill would provide that a member of the  
15 Legion of Valor would receive a free distinctive  
16 license plate.

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18 A BILL  
19 TO BE ENTITLED  
20 AN ACT  
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22 To amend Sections 32-6-250 and 32-6-251 of the Code  
23 of Alabama 1975, relating to distinctive license plates; to  
24 provide that a member of the Legion of Valor would receive a  
25 free distinctive license plate.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. Sections 32-6-250 and 32-6-251 of the  
2 Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

3           "§32-6-250.

4           "(a) A distinctive permanent license plate shall be  
5 issued to any resident of the state who is a recipient of the  
6 Medal of Honor or the widow of a recipient of the Medal of  
7 Honor, to any resident who is a recipient of the Purple Heart  
8 Medal, to any resident who is a member of the Legion of Valor  
9 with positive proof of the award of the Medal of Honor, the  
10 Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air  
11 Force Cross, or to any resident who shows by satisfactory  
12 proof that he or she was a duly recognized former prisoner of  
13 war, for use on a private motor vehicle registered in the name  
14 of the resident. There shall be no fee or tax for the license  
15 plate, except Purple Heart Medal recipients shall pay ad  
16 valorem taxes on vehicles for which the distinctive plates are  
17 issued, and no recipient shall receive a plate for more than  
18 one vehicle except as provided in subsection (c).

19           "(b) A former prisoner of war for purposes of this  
20 section is a person who, as a member of the United States  
21 Armed Forces, or while serving with a formal United States  
22 ally force, or as a United States civilian, was held as a  
23 prisoner of war during any armed conflict by forces hostile to  
24 the United States.

25           "(c) A person eligible to be issued a distinctive  
26 license plate under this section may be issued additional  
27 distinctive license plates, under any of the above license

1 plate categories, if the person otherwise qualifies to receive  
2 the distinctive license plate, upon payment of all license tax  
3 and registration fees, including ad valorem taxes, for the  
4 vehicles. Annual renewal decals shall be provided after  
5 payment, if required, of license fees and taxes for the years  
6 during which a new tag or plate is not issued as provided in  
7 Section 32-6-63.

8 "§32-6-251.

9 "The special plates shall be of the same size as  
10 regular motor vehicle license plates, distinguished by the  
11 letters MOH, ~~or~~ PHM, or LOV, to be of a different color scheme  
12 and design to any other vehicle tag in this state, or POW to  
13 be of the same color scheme as other distinguished military  
14 tags in this state, whichever distinctive design applies, the  
15 nature of which shall be prescribed by a committee to be  
16 appointed by the chief legislative sponsors of this division."

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.