

1 SB370
2 136305-1
3 By Senator Bedford
4 RFD: Judiciary
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person under the age
9 of 19 may not enter into a legally binding
10 contract.

11 This bill would allow an honorably
12 discharged veteran who is under the age of 19 to
13 enter into a contract for the purchase of a motor
14 vehicle.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT
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20 To amend Section 26-1-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to
21 allow an honorably discharged veteran who is under the age of
22 19 to enter into a contract for the purchase of a motor
23 vehicle.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 26-1-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is
26 amended to read as follows:

1 "§26-1-1.

2 "(a) Any person in this state, at the arrival at the
3 age of 19 years, shall be relieved of his or her disabilities
4 of minority and thereafter shall have the same legal rights
5 and abilities as persons over 21 years of age. No law of this
6 state shall discriminate for or against any person between and
7 including the ages of 19 and 21 years solely on the basis of
8 age.

9 "(b) This section shall also apply to any person who
10 arrived at the age of 19 and 20 years before July 22, 1975,
11 but shall not abrogate any defense or abridge any remedy
12 available to him or her prior to such date.

13 "(c) All laws or parts of laws which read "under the
14 age of 21 years" hereafter shall read "under the age of 19
15 years." Wherever the words "under the age of 21 years" appear
16 in any law limiting the legal rights and abilities of persons
17 under such age, such words shall be construed to mean under
18 the age of 19 years.

19 "(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
20 (c) of this section, nothing in this section shall be deemed
21 to repeal any provision of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of this
22 code.

23 "(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
24 (a), an honorably discharged veteran who is under the age of
25 19 shall be permitted to enter into a contract for the
26 purchase of a motor vehicle."

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