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3 By Senators Dial, Whatley, Brewbaker, Allen, Williams,
4 Beasley, Beason, Bedford, Blackwell, Bussman, Coleman, Dunn,
5 Fielding, Figures, Glover, Holley, Holtzclaw, Irons, Keahey,
6 Marsh, McGill, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
7 Scofield, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Taylor, Waggoner and
8 Ward
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8 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO WORK
9 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO ASSIST VETERANS IN
10 OBTAINING COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSES.
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12 WHEREAS, a large number of military veterans are
13 returning home from combat and other roles in the War on
14 Terrorism and many of these veterans need jobs in the civilian
15 workforce; and

16 WHEREAS, many of these veterans are trained and
17 qualified to operate commercial motor vehicles and have
18 extensive experience operating CMVs; and

19 WHEREAS, many commercial motor vehicle operators are
20 needed by private transportation motor carriers; and

21 WHEREAS, the Legislature is aware that other states
22 have developed programs which not only assist deserving
23 veterans, but also help the development of good jobs in their
24 states; and

25 WHEREAS, recent federal rule changes have allowed
26 states to consider experience as an operator of a military

1 commercial motor vehicle in the state licensure process; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Department of Public
5 Safety is encouraged to work with the Department of Veterans
6 Affairs to assist veterans, including National Guard and
7 reserve members, who have experience driving a military
8 commercial motor vehicle and other veterans to obtain a
9 commercial driver license in this state. The Department of
10 Public Safety is further urged to utilize all existing federal
11 rules to determine if the driving skills test may be waived
12 for military personnel who have similar experience driving a
13 military commercial motor vehicle.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of
15 Public Safety is urged to develop rules allowing testing for a
16 commercial driver license to be given by the U.S. Armed Forces
17 personnel at U.S. military bases and to develop a program for
18 the cooperation with the U.S. military to assist applicants
19 for a commercial driver license who have missing or impaired
20 limbs as a result of military service.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
22 resolution be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety and
23 the Department of Veterans Affairs.