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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, various fees may be charged for the issuance of driver licenses and nondriver identification cards.

This bill would eliminate all fees associated with the issuance of a driver license or nondriver identification card to disabled veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicle licenses; to amend Section 32-6-4.3 and Sections 32-6-6, 32-6-6.1, 32-6-15, and 32-6-21, as last amended by Act 2022-300, 2022 Regular Session, Code of Alabama 1975, to eliminate all fees associated with the issuance of a driver license or nondriver identification card to disabled veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 32-6-4.3 and Sections 32-6-6, 32-6-6.1, 32-6-15, and 32-6-21, as last amended by Act 2022-300, 2022 Regular Session, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:



29 "§32-6-4.3

30 (a) The nondriver identification card of a resident of
31 this state who is an honorably discharged veteran as evidenced
32 by the veteran's DD Form 214, or if the veteran does not have
33 a DD Form 214, as evidenced by the veteran's Record and Report
34 of Separation Honorable Discharge Record, upon request of the
35 eligible veteran, shall have the word veteran displayed on the
36 nondriver identification card.

37 (b) A resident of this state who is an honorably
38 discharged disabled veteran, as evidenced by a finding of
39 service connected disability by the U.S. Department of
40 Veterans Affairs, upon request, shall have the word "veteran"
41 displayed on the nondriver identification card.

42 ~~(b)~~ (c) The Department of Public Safety may not impose
43 any charge in addition to the nondriver identification card
44 fee for the issuance or renewal of a veteran's nondriver
45 identification card."

46 "§32-6-6

47 (a) Each driver license issued by the Alabama State Law
48 Enforcement Agency, except temporary permits or other special
49 circumstances as determined by the Secretary of the Alabama
50 State Law Enforcement Agency, shall contain a distinguishing
51 number assigned to the licensee and a color photograph of the
52 licensee, the name, birthdate, address, and a description of
53 the licensee, who, for the purpose of identification and as a
54 condition precedent to the validity of the license,
55 immediately upon receipt of the license, shall endorse his or
56 her usual or regular signature upon the license in the space



57 provided, unless a facsimile of the licensee's signature
58 appears on the license.

59 (b) A photo driver license and photo nondriver
60 identification card as provided in Section 32-6-4 shall have a
61 photo core that meets the minimum width and length dimensions
62 specified in ANSI standards X4.13-1971 and ANSI standard CR80,
63 plus or minus 1/4 inch. In addition to all current and
64 existing fees, the agency may charge an additional fee to
65 recover the cost of producing and issuing photo driver
66 licenses and photo nondriver identification cards. The fee may
67 not exceed ten cents (\$.10) over the actual cost of producing
68 and issuing the license or card including the cost of
69 materials, labor costs, telecommunications costs, computer
70 costs, postage, and any other costs incurred in producing and
71 issuing a license or card.

72 (c) A driver license issued to a qualifying student
73 described in Section 16-28-40(b) shall be exempt from any fees
74 under this section.

75 (d) A driver license issued to an honorably discharged
76 disabled veteran, as evidenced by a finding of
77 service-connected disability by the U.S. Department of
78 Veterans Affairs, shall be exempt from any fees under this
79 section.

80 ~~(d)~~ (e) Revenues collected under this section shall be
81 used by the agency for the sole purpose of this program, and
82 any excess shall revert to the General Fund at the end of each
83 fiscal year.

84 "§32-6-6.1



85 In addition to any other fees imposed for issuance of a
86 driver license and photo nondriver identification card, the
87 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall impose an
88 additional fee of fifty cents (\$.50) for each driver license
89 and photo nondriver identification card issued, except for a
90 driver license issued to a qualifying student, as defined in
91 Section 16-28-40(b) (2). All honorably discharged disabled
92 veterans of the United States Armed Forces as set forth in
93 Section 32-6-6 shall be exempt from this fee. The fee
94 collected under this section shall be allocated and
95 appropriated to the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy Trust Fund
96 created by the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy Act of 2008,
97 Division 2, commencing with Section 16-44A-50, of Article 2 of
98 Chapter 44A, and expenditures of the fee pursuant to the
99 master plan for facilities, programs, and outreach provided by
100 that division and its related programs.

101 "§32-6-15

102 (a) In the event any driver license issued under this article
103 is lost or destroyed, the individual to whom the same was
104 issued may upon collection of the required fee and upon
105 furnishing proof to the Secretary of the Alabama State Law
106 Enforcement Agency that the same has been lost or destroyed,
107 secure a duplicate. No fee shall be charged to a qualified
108 student, as defined by Section 16-28-40(b) (2), for his or her
109 first duplicate driver license. The second and subsequent
110 duplicates applied for shall require the payment of a fee of
111 fifteen dollars (\$15) and, upon furnishing proof to the
112 secretary that his or her previously held license or duplicate



113 has been lost or destroyed, secure another duplicate.
114 Application for a duplicate shall be made to the secretary on
115 forms provided by the secretary. The fee shall be collected by
116 the secretary, paid into the State Treasury, and credited to
117 the Highway Traffic Safety Fund for the Alabama State Law
118 Enforcement Agency. All honorably discharged disabled veterans
119 of the United States Armed Forces as set forth in Section
120 32-6-6 shall be exempt from this fee.

121 (b) Any person making a false affidavit to the
122 Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency for the
123 purpose of obtaining a duplicate driver license shall be
124 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished
125 by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days
126 or by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor
127 more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

128 "§32-6-21

129 (a) Every applicant for an original driver license,
130 temporary instruction and learner permit, and motor driven
131 cycle operator license, shall pay an examination fee of five
132 dollars (\$5) to the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency upon
133 applying to the officer, state trooper, or duly authorized
134 agent of the Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement
135 Agency, or to one of them where there is more than one
136 designated by the secretary. The five dollar (\$5) fee shall be
137 required prior to each examination. No driver license
138 examination fee shall be charged to ~~a~~ an honorably discharged
139 disabled veteran of the United States Armed Forces as set
140 forth in Section 32-6-6, or to a qualified student, as defined



141 in Section 16-28-40(b)(2), for his or her first examination.

142 (b) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall
143 issue proper receipts for the examination fee and shall
144 properly transmit all monies received by the agency for
145 deposit in the State General Fund."

146 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January
147 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
148 or its otherwise becoming law.