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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Department of Public
9 Health is authorized to issue a certification card
10 to any person who has been medically diagnosed with
11 autism spectrum disorder so that the card may be
12 presented to law enforcement.

13 This bill would authorize any person who has
14 been issued a certification card to receive a
15 distinctive Person with Autism motor vehicle tag.
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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT
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21 Relating to distinctive license plates; to provide
22 for the issuance of a distinctive license plate for any person
23 with autism.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited
26 as Nick's Bill.

1 Section 2. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 32-6-64,
2 32-6-67, and 32-6-68, Code of Alabama 1975, upon application
3 to the judge of probate or license commissioner, compliance
4 with motor vehicle registration and licensing laws, payment of
5 regular fees required by law for license plates for private
6 passenger or pleasure motor vehicles, and payment of an
7 additional annual fee of ten dollars (\$10), owners of a motor
8 vehicle who are residents of Alabama and who possess a valid
9 Autism Spectrum Disorder certification card or are the parent
10 or guardian of a person who possesses a valid Autism Spectrum
11 Disorder certification card, as provided in Section 22-1-15,
12 Code of Alabama 1975, shall be issued distinctive Person with
13 Autism license plates.

14 (b) These plates shall be valid for five years and
15 may then be replaced with either conventional, personalized,
16 or new Person with Autism tags or plates.

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

21 (d) The Department of Revenue shall design the
22 plates. The design shall be approved by the Legislative
23 Oversight Committee for License Plates prior to production.
24 Section 32-6-54, Code of Alabama 1975, shall not apply to the
25 plates designed pursuant to this section.

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

4 (f) The Department of Revenue may adopt any rules
5 necessary to administer this section.

6 (g) (1) The distinctive license plates are not
7 transferable between motor vehicle owners.

8 (2) If the owner of a vehicle bearing the
9 distinctive plates sells, trades, exchanges, or otherwise
10 disposes of the motor vehicle, the plates shall be retained by
11 the owner to whom issued and returned to the judge of probate
12 or license commissioner of the county, who shall receive and
13 account for the plates.

14 (3) If the owner of the distinctive license plates
15 acquires by purchase, trade, exchange, or otherwise, a vehicle
16 for which no standard plates have been issued during the
17 current license period, the judge of probate or license
18 commissioner of the county, upon being furnished by the owner
19 proper certification of the acquisition of the vehicle and the
20 payment of the motor vehicle license tax due upon the vehicle,
21 shall authorize the transfer of the distinctive license plates
22 previously purchased by the owner of the vehicle, which plates
23 shall authorize the operation of the vehicle for the remainder
24 of the then current license period.

25 (4) If the owner of the distinctive license plates
26 acquires by purchase, trade, exchange, or otherwise, a vehicle
27 for which standard plates have been issued during the current

1 license year, the judge of probate or license commissioner,
2 upon proper certification of the owner and being furnished by
3 the owner the standard plates previously issued for the
4 vehicle, shall authorize the owner of the newly acquired
5 vehicle to place the distinctive license plates previously
6 purchased on the vehicle and use the plates for the remainder
7 of the then current license period. The notice of transfer of
8 ownership shall be recorded by the judge of probate or the
9 license commissioner.

10 (5) Any person acquiring by purchase, trade,
11 exchange, or otherwise, any vehicle bearing the distinctive
12 plates, upon certification of the fact to the judge of probate
13 or license commissioner of the county and the payment of the
14 fee now required by law, may purchase standard replacement
15 plates for the vehicle which shall authorize the operation of
16 the vehicle by the new owner for the remainder of the license
17 period.

18 Section 3. This act shall become effective January
19 1, 2019, following its passage and approval by the Governor or
20 its otherwise becoming law.