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Military Plates Offer More Choices for Owners July 1 *Vietnam Veteran Tag Fee Increases*

Montgomery—Two new state laws which go into effect July 1 offer military veterans more distinctive tag options, earmark additional tag revenues to veteran assistance groups, and expand the offering of military tag choices to include other vehicles such as motor homes.

Act 2006-387, effective July 1, 2006, increases the additional \$3 registration fee owners pay to purchase the Vietnam Veteran license plate to \$6. Owners are charged the \$6 fee only in the year a new metal license plate is issued. The new law requires \$3 of the total \$6 additional fee to be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama State Council and used in Vietnam veterans' assistance programs.

The second law, Act 2006-388, also effective July 1, 2006, offers veterans more variety in their tag choices by expanding the personalized tag option to include the following military license plate categories: Vietnam Veteran, Pearl Harbor Survivor, World War II Veteran, Korean War Veteran, Battle of the Bulge Veteran, Desert Shield/Desert Storm Veteran, and Veterans of the Armed Forces exposed to dangerous levels of radiation due to atomic bomb and weapons testing from 1944 to 1962.

Veterans wishing to personalize their distinctive military plates will pay an additional \$50 personalized tag fee each year, as other personalized license plate owners do. The majority of the \$50 fee will be distributed to the Alabama Veteran's Assistance Fund—with the exception of the Vietnam Veteran personalized tag. The new law requires \$20 of the \$50 Vietnam Veteran's personalized license plate fee to be distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Alabama State Council.

Federal rules addressing issuance procedures for disability access license plates do not allow states to include disability access license plates in their slate of personalized tag offerings.

The new law also allows the issuance of the military license plates to trucks with gross weights up to 10,000 lbs. and to motor homes.

For more information concerning Alabama's military distinctive tag lineup, visit the department's Web site at www.revenue.alabama.gov.

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