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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow an inmate assigned to  
9 a work release or community correction center who  
10 has paid employment to obtain an Inmate In Paid  
11 Employment Driver's License.

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13 A BILL  
14 TO BE ENTITLED  
15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to work release and community correction  
18 centers; to authorize certain inmates who have paid employment  
19 to obtain an Inmate In Paid Employment Driver's License under  
20 certain conditions; and to provide a fee.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. (a) An inmate assigned to a work release  
23 or community correction center who has paid employment in the  
24 community may apply for and, upon approval, receive an Inmate  
25 In Paid Employment Driver's License. The license shall only  
26 authorize an inmate to drive to and from the paid employment  
27 and during the course of the paid employment. The license

1 shall be issued by the Department of Public Safety without the  
2 payment of reinstatement fees for a regular driver's license.

3 (b) The cost of the license shall be twenty dollars  
4 (\$20) for a one year license. The license may be renewed if  
5 the inmate remains in good standing. The fee shall be paid to  
6 the Department of Public Safety and deposited in the State  
7 General Fund.

8 Section 2. (a) To be eligible for an Inmate In Paid  
9 Employment Driver's License an inmate:

10 (1) May not have a current or prior conviction for  
11 any of the following:

12 a. Any degree of murder or attempted murder.

13 b. Homicide.

14 c. Manslaughter.

15 d. Driving under the influence.

16 e. Kidnapping.

17 f. False imprisonment.

18 g. Escape, or a disciplinary report for escape or  
19 attempted escape for which the inmate was found guilty.

20 h. Vehicle theft.

21 (2) Shall have demonstrated stability, maturity, and  
22 satisfactory instructional adjustment for a period of six  
23 months.

24 (3) Shall be assigned to community custody in a work  
25 release or community correction center.

1 (4) Shall be eligible for reinstatement of a regular  
2 Alabama driver's license except for payment of the required  
3 fees.

4 (5) Shall have a favorable driving record that does  
5 not reflect any moving violations within the last three years  
6 prior to incarceration.

7 (b) Prior to driving a vehicle of his or her  
8 employer, an inmate with an Inmate In Paid Employment Driver's  
9 License shall be authorized to do so in writing by the  
10 director of the work release or community correction center.

11 Section 3. The director of the work release or  
12 community correction center, or his or her designee, shall  
13 give the license to the inmate upon departure to his or her  
14 employment site from the work release or community correction  
15 center, and shall ensure that the license is returned upon the  
16 inmate's return to the center. The director, or his or her  
17 designee, shall document every time a driver's license is  
18 given to and received from an inmate. The license shall be  
19 stored in a secure place in the center when not in use.

20 Section 4. Any inmate who is issued an Inmate In  
21 Paid Employment Driver's License shall deposit 10 percent of  
22 his or her take-home pay from the paid employment into a  
23 special account maintained by the work release or community  
24 correction center to be used only for the payment of any fees  
25 or other costs for reinstating a regular driver's license.

26 Section 5. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
27 with this act are repealed.

1                   Section 6. 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.