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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow certain retired
9 military personnel, upon proof of military
10 retirement, to obtain a pistol permit from the
11 sheriff at no cost. This bill would also provide
12 that the pistol permit would be permanent unless
13 revoked for cause.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 To allow certain retired military personnel to
20 obtain a pistol permit, at no cost, and to specify that the
21 permit shall be permanent unless revoked by the sheriff.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. (a) The words "retired military veteran"
24 as used in this section, unless the context clearly requires a
25 different meaning, means only those persons who are
26 nondisability retirees from active duty in the Army, or the

1 Navy, or the Marine Corps, or the Air Force, or the Coast
2 Guard of the United States.

3 (b) Any retired military veteran upon sufficient
4 proof of retirement from the military shall be eligible to
5 obtain without charge a pistol permit as provided for in
6 Section 13A-11-73, Code of Alabama 1975. The pistol permit
7 shall be issued permanently by the sheriff of the county in
8 which the veteran resides upon presentation by the retired
9 military veteran of the United States government issued
10 Veteran Identification Card or a DD-214 Proof of Military
11 Service form and sufficient proof that the person is a
12 military retiree.

13 (c) In the event a retired veteran, to whom a pistol
14 permit has been issued pursuant to subsection (b), is
15 suspected of or is charged with any crime, then the sheriff of
16 the county in which the retired veteran resides may revoke the
17 pistol permit. The sheriff shall notify the retired veteran in
18 writing and by registered mail that his or her pistol permit
19 is revoked. The sheriff shall state the reasons for the
20 revocation and order the retiree to return his or her pistol
21 permit to that sheriff within 30 days. Should the retired
22 veteran refuse to return the pistol permit within the 30-day
23 limit and continue to carry the handgun, he or she shall be
24 guilty of carrying a weapon without a license or carrying a
25 concealed weapon, whichever might be the case.

1 Section 2. 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.