



March 11-13, 2014



## Motor Vehicle Training Learning Objectives

1. Review Act 2014-007



- 2. Identify when a mv registration may/may not be renewed
- 3. Apply all laws properly when processing renewals
- 4. Use various DOR systems
- 5. Learn audit and reporting requirements



- Act 2012-196 -Rep. DeMarco
- Permits cities in Jefferson County to renew motor vehicle registrations
- Must be resident of the city/county
- No issuance of license plates
- Effective January 1, 2013





- Act 2014-007 -Rep. DeMarco
- Permits cities in Jefferson County to issue license plates for motor vehicle renewals and replacements
- Exception: If a vehicle has not been previously registered in this state by or in the name of the current vehicle owner





- Act 2014-007
- Must be resident of the city/county
- Annual additional fee up to \$5 may be levied by the city council
- Used for the operations of city licensing official's office
- Collected only once per vehicle per registration year
- Effective April 1, 2014



Quiz Question

May a city issue/transfer titles according to Act 2014-007?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Sometimes
- D. All of the above



#### Answer

#### B. No

Cities will not process <u>any</u> title related transactions.



## Motor Vehicle Training History of Alabama Registration Law

- Vehicles required to be registered (Act 541 of 1903)
- Ten (10) days to register vehicles
- Probate judge assigned the license numbers
- Registrants required to display number on the vehicle



- 1905- first license plates (brass) issued by City of Birmingham
- 1908- metal plates issued
- 1909-1911- porcelain plates issued



## Motor Vehicle Training History of Alabama Registration Law

- Act 452 of 1911
- Provided penalties and punishment for not registering vehicles after October 1, 1911
- Alabama Secretary of State was the issuing official



- Law required brakes, horn, bell, other signaling device
- At least 2 lighted lamps. A red lamp on the license plate
- Driver required to obtain a chauffer license annually
- Had to display the license on his or her clothing (metal badge)



- Alabama issued pairs of porcelain plates in 1911
- 3 types of plates issued
  motorcycle, dealer, private cars



- Statistics
  - 1914: 8,078 private cars, 1,030 motorcycles
  - 1915: 13,210
  - 1916: 23,033



- 1916- Alabama issued first "commercial" plate
- 1922-1952- first alpha characters on Alabama plates
- Characters indicated horsepower and weight
- 1942- plates embossed with county key.
   Became a requirement in 1982.



- 1969- first reflectorized plates manufactured
- 1955- "Heart of Dixie" first appeared on plates
- 1977-Alabama began issuing 5-yr. plates
- 1981-Staggered registration system began
- 1998- Tag follows owner
- 2003- Digital license plates (aluminum)



Quiz Question: May a resident of Birmingham who works in Vestavia Hills renew his/her motor vehicle registration in Vestavia Hills?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Yes, under certain circumstances



#### Answer

#### B. No

The registrant must be a resident of the city in order to renew his/her motor vehicle registration.



#### Prerequisites to Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals

- Application for certificate of title and title fees
   (Code section 32-8-32)
- Property tax assessed/collected (Code section 40-12-253)





#### Prerequisites to Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals (continued)

 Evidence of liability insurance verified/reinstatement fees collected (Code sections 32-7A-4, 32-7A-12 & 32-7A-12)



 Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (FHVUT) (Form 2290 for certain vehicles)



Staggered Registration Schedule (32-6-61)

- Jan A&D
- Feb B
- March C & E
- April F, G, & N
- May H&O
- June M&I
- July P&L

- August J, K, &L
- September Q,S, & T
- October U,V,W,X,Y,Z
- October & November (Truck, Commercial, Fleet,

National Guard)



Question: What month(s) do National Guard members renew their motor vehicle registrations?

- A. February
- B. June
- C. October
- D. October and November
- E. Any month that is convenient for them



Answer

#### D. October and November



- Renewal Penalty
  - \$15 failure to renew registration in designated renewal month (32-6-65)
  - 25% of the net amount of the registration fee due if a higher classification plate is required due to a citation (40-12-249)
- While there are other registration penalties, they will not apply to city issued renewals



- Renewal Interest (40-1-44)
- Whenever a renewal is delinquent, penalty and interest charges will apply and must be collected
- Based on underpayment rate established by the U.S. Treasury (updated quarterly)
- DOR will notify licensing officials regarding how to calculate interest



### Motor Vehicle Training Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (32-6-58 and Title 26 US Code 4481)

- Trucks and truck tractors with a GVW >54,999 pounds
- Proof of payment of FHVUT
  - Schedule 1 stamped by the IRS
  - Cancelled check with the entire Form 2290



Truck

**Truck-Tractor** 







Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

- IRS requires Electronic Filing for 25 or more vehicles and encourages all taxpayers to file their 2290 form online.
- <u>Annual</u> audits by the Motor Vehicle Division



#### Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

- Governor certifies compliance annually
- Non-compliance will cost the state hundreds of millions in federal highway funds



### **Stamped Schedule 1**

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## Motor Vehicle Training Trip/Fuel Permits

- IFTA/IRP Qualified vehicles
- Not registered for IFTA/IRP
- 7-day duration
- Needed to travel in other jurisdictions







### Motor Vehicle Training Quick Facts Regarding License Plates

- <u>Every</u> issuing official collects \$1.25 issuance fee
- <u>Every</u> issuing official collects a 2 ½ % commission on registration fees and additional fees
- <u>All personalized plates have an annual</u> additional fee ranging from \$5 to \$60



### Motor Vehicle Training Quick Facts Regarding License Plates

- Most plates follow the owner when the vehicle is sold, junked, or otherwise disposed of (1998)
- All plates <u>do not</u> have decals
   Permanent and Annual Plates
- Replacement plate fee is \$2.00



## Motor Vehicle Training License Plate Categories (9)

- Standard Plate
- Registration fee: \$15;\$23-\$890
- Personalized: \$50 annual additional fee
- County key indicators (32-6-64)
- Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs, motorcycles





### **License Plate Categories**

- Collegiate
- Registration fee: \$23-\$890
- Annual additional fee: \$50
- Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs









**License Plate Categories** 

- Military
- Registration fee: Varies
- Documentation required for all plates
- Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs








#### Military

- Annual validation required to obtain registration fee exemption for:
  - National Guard
    - Active : Must present the current military ID card and certificate signed by the unit commander. Only one certificate is issued per guard member, per year.
    - Retired: Must present military ID card, NGB Form 22, or Notice of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60.





## Motor Vehicle Training Military

- Army Reserve
  - Must present a military ID card and an affidavit signed by the unit commander. Only one affidavit is issued per reserve member, per year.





License Plate Categories

- Specialty
- Registration fee: \$23-\$890
- Annual Additional Fee :\$15- \$60

(pre-numbered/personalized)

• Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs









### License Plate Categories

- Generic Specialty
- Registration fee: \$23-\$890
- Annual Additional Fee :\$5- \$50

(pre-numbered/personalized)

• Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs







### License Plate Categories

- Annual
- Registration fee: \$26.00
- Requires licenses to obtain plates





#### **License Plate Categories**

- Government
- Registration fee :\$15- \$23
- Issued by <u>DOR only</u>





### Motor Vehicle Training License Plate Categories

- Vintage
- Registration fee: \$10
- Permanent Plates
- Vehicles over 30 years old



Passenger



Motorcycle



#### License Plate Categories

- Apportioned (IRP)
- Registration fee: \$300-\$890
- Issued by <u>DOR only</u>



- Cities will assess and collect ad valorem taxes
- County to IRP plate- carrier must surrender county plate to DOR



Quiz Question

May cities issue replacement license plates for all categories?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Both A and B



#### Answer

#### C. No

Cities cannot issue the original/replacement plates for the following categories:

- -Apportioned
- -Government



### Motor Vehicle Training Disability Access Placards

No charge for Placards

Permanent

Permanently Disabled



Temporary

Valid up to 6 months





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### **Temporary Tags**

- 20-day temporary tags
  - Issued when a casual sale has occurred
  - Registrants who reside in another jurisdiction
- 60-day temporary tags
  - Issued when personalized plate has been ordered
  - Issue registration receipt and validation decals



#### **Temporary Tags**







Quiz question: If a registrant orders a personalized license plate, what type of temporary tag will be issued?

- A. 20- day
- B. 15- day
- C. 45-day
- D. 60-day
- E. None of the above



Answer

D. 60-day



- License plate categories are created by:
  - Legislation
  - Legislative Oversight Committee on License
    Plates (LOC) established in 1997 (32-6-67)



# Motor Vehicle Training LOC Process (32-6-64)

- Committee consists of 13 members (32-6-67)
- Approves, denies, indefinitely postpones applications
- Approved organizations have 12 months to qualify
- Quantity Class 1 (250-999 registrations)
- Quantity Class 2 (1,000 + registrations)







Quiz Question: What are the methods used to create specialty license plates?

- A. Legislation
- B. LOC
- C. Lottery
- D. A and B
- E. B and C
- F. None of the above



#### Answer

#### D. A and B

The two methods in which specialty plates are created are by legislation or by approval of the LOC.



#### Tour of ADOR Website

http://revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/



- HB44-Rep. Boothe
- HB60-Reps. Hurst and Fincher
- SB26- Senators Dial and Whatley
- Amends Section 40-12-248



- Removes F4 plate restriction for truck tractors for farmers
- Currently only one plate can be obtained
- Permits unlimited plate purchases
- Effective immediately following passage



- HB85 Rep. Merrill
- Annual additional \$5 fee for Fire Fighter license plate
- Who qualifies for this plate? Current/retired members of: <u>ALABAMA</u>
  - Paid
  - Part-paid



- Volunteer fire departments (in-state/out-of-state)
- Net proceeds to be distributed to the Fire Fighters Annuity and Benefit Fund
- Effective first day of the third month following passage



- HB221- Rep. Shedd
- Amend Sections 32-6-130, 32-6-131, 32-6-133, 40-12-244, and 40-12-254
- Creates a DV motorcycle plate for all disabled veterans



• Effective first day of the third month following passage



- HB359- Rep. DeMarco
- SB265- Sen. Dial
- Permits DOR to outsource the manufacturing and distribution of license plates and validation decals
- Will permit print-on-demand receipts and decals
- Effective immediately following passage



- HB398/SB312
- Reps. Collins, McClurkin, Scott
- Senator Blackwell
- Requires licensing officials to capture the FEIN or SSN for each applicant:
  - 40-12, Article 2 Business, occupational, vocational licenses, store licenses
  - Article 6 Store licenses
  - Article 8 Dealer licenses
  - Article 9 Automotive dismantlers and parts recyclers
- Application information must be transmitted to DOR
- Effective first day of the third month



- HB400/SB305
- Amends both the dealer licensing and dealer tag laws
- Motorcycle and trailer dealers will be required to obtain the Section 391 dealer license and present it to the licensing officials in order to purchase the Section 62 or 169 licenses.
- Licensed dealers will automatically be licensed as wholesaler and rebuilders.
- One bond for designated agents and dealers- \$25,000
- Effective date is August 1, 2014



- HB461- Reps. Drake, Faust, Carns, Wallace, Standridge, Baker, Patterson, McClendon
- Creates the professional firefighter plate
- Paid and part-paid fire department employees
- Creates a motorcycle FF plate
- FF Personnel Standards and Education Commission will provide lists to licensing officials
- Effective date is January 1, 2015



- HB461- Reps. Drake, Faust, Carns, Wallace, Standridge, Baker, Patterson, McClendon
- Creates the Legion of Valor plate
- Eligibility requirements:
  - Awarded the Medal of Honor, the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross
- Effective date is first day of the third month



- HB495- Rep. Millican
- Permits registrants to purchase IRP plates from either DOR or county licensing officials
- Effective January 1, 2015



- SB32-Senator Whatley
- Alabama State Nursing Association License Plate
- Available to all supporters
- Annual additional fee of \$50
- Net proceeds to the Alabama State Nurses Association
- Plate to be designed by the Alabama State Nurses Association
- Effective date is the first day of the third month following passage.





- SB50- Senator Blackwell
- Ovarian Cancer motorcycle license plate
- Available to all supporters
- Annual additional fee of \$50
- Net proceeds to the Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation
- Plate to be designed by the Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation
- Effective January 1, 2015





- SB86- Sen. Taylor
- HB193-Rep. Boothe
- Exemption from penalty and interest charges for military personnel deployed for any part of the renewal month
- Exception: Discharged as "dishonorable" or "other than honorable"
- Evidence of deployment:
  - military deployment orders, gov't. issued statement of service letter, form DD214, letter from unit commander certifying deployment ending date
- Must renew registration within 30 calendar days of end of deployment.
- Effective first day of third month.



- SB188-Sens. Coleman, Brewbaker, etc.
- Provides for a 2-year registration renewal option
- County commission can authorize licensing officials to offer the option
- Registrants pay registration fees, ad valorem taxes for each year
- Local issuance fees only collected for the first registration year
- Effective date is January 1, 2015



- SB264-Sens. Dial, Whatley, Williams
- Amends Sections 40-12-244 and 40-12-254
- Provides for additional registration fee exemption and ad valorem tax exemption (40-12-254) for:
  - Active and retired guard members, service connected disabled veterans, active reserve members, volunteer rescue squad members, Civil Air Patrol, volunteer firefighters (40-12-244)
  - Disabled veterans whose personal use vehicles are paid or partly paid for by Veterans' Affairs (40-12-254)
- Effective date is the first day of the third month following passage



- SB286- Sen. Holley
- Requires registrants obtaining placards (both blue and red) to provide the following information to licensing officials:
  - State issued driver's license number or
  - State issued non-driver identification number or
  - Unique identifying number prescribed by DOR
- Effective on January 1, 2015



- SB449-Senator Glover
- Amends Code Section 40-12-290 (Vintage Vehicle Plates)
  - Permits owner to determine whether to operate vehicle for general use or for parades and car shows.
  - Registration fee for general use -\$33
    - Registrants will receive two license plates
  - Registration fee for limited use- \$10
    - Registrants will receive one license plate



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### Questions

