



# Chief Clerks' Meeting 2009

Motor Vehicle Division

## Act 2009-618

# Volunteer Fire Fighter Registration Fee Exemption

- Effective Date: August 1, 2009
- Provides for one (1) registration fee exemption for a volunteer fire fighter who is a resident of Alabama and is entitled to a distinctive Fire Fighter license plate



## Act 2009-623

# Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom - Afghanistan Veteran License Plates

- Effective Date: August 1, 2009
- Provides for two (2) new distinctive military license plate categories for veterans of the Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan campaigns



## Act 2009-644 Fraternal Order of Police

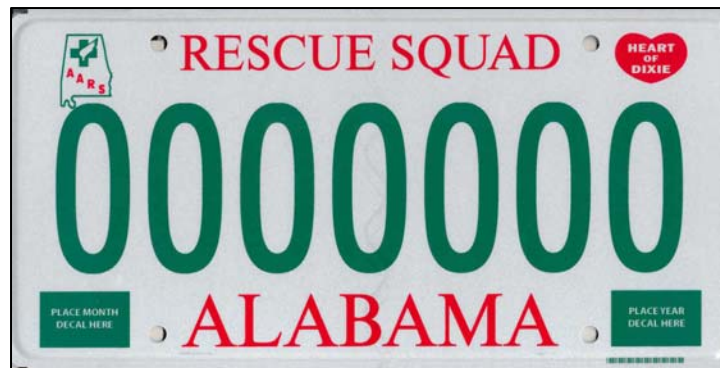
- Effective Date: August 1, 2009
- Increases the annual additional fee from \$20.00 to \$30.00
- Provides for an FOP motorcycle distinctive license plate



## Act 2009-660

# Alabama Association of Rescue Squads

- Effective Date: August 1, 2009
- Motor vehicles used by rescue squads are exempt from all taxes and motor vehicle license fees
- Alabama Association of Rescue Squads will provide list of rescue squads in good standing to all licensing officials' offices by December 1st each year



## Act 2009-743

# U.S. Armed Forces Retired Plate for Spouses

- Effective Date: August 1, 2009
- Retired military or retired reservist member spouse may be issued Retired Military license plates
- Spouse may retain one (1) Retired Military license plate for the remainder of their lifetime or remarriage



## Act 2009-639

### Vietnam Veteran Distinctive License Plate-Add'l Fee

- Effective Date: September 1, 2009
- Additional fee - \$3.00 during renewal years
- Additional fee - \$6.00 during year of initial issuance
- Fees distributed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. - Alabama State Council





## Act 2009-595

# Alabama Gold Star Family Distinctive License Plate

- Effective Date: January 1, 2010
- New distinctive license plate for any member of the immediate family of a person who has died while on active duty in any branch of the U.S. military
- Immediate family members are defined as:
  - Spouse;
  - Parent, adoptive parent, or stepparent;
  - Foster parent, in loco parentis
  - Sibling, to include whole or half-blood, or by adoption;
  - Child, including those by adoption, or a stepchild;
  - Grandparent or other legal guardian;
  - Any other immediate family member designated as next of kin by the Department of Defense



## **Act 2009-595**

# **Alabama Gold Star Family Distinctive License Plate (cont.)**

- Additional fee - \$3.00 for the initial year of issuance
- May be issued to private passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, and pleasure motor vehicles
- No limit on number of plates that may be obtained
- Act does not provide for personalized plates



## Act 2009-595

# Alabama Gold Star Family Distinctive License Plate (cont.)

- Immediate family members must provide one of the following documents:
  - DD Form 2064 - Overseas Death Certificate or prior era Department of Defense Death Certificate; or
  - DD Form 1300 - Report of Casualty; or
  - In the event that the applicant is not identified as the next of kin on one of the documents listed above, the applicant must submit a notarized affidavit from the Alabama Gold Star Family organization, certifying the applicant's relationship to the deceased service member



## Act 2009-637

### U.S. Marine Corps Distinctive License Plate

- Effective Date: January 1, 2010
- Provides for a new distinctive license plate category for active, retired, or honorably discharged members of the U.S. Marine Corps
- *Active* members shall pay an additional fee of \$3.00 in the years in which a metal plate is issued
- *Retired and honorably discharged* members shall pay an annual additional fee of \$25.00
- Net proceeds of the additional fees will be distributed to the Department of Alabama Marine Corps League



## Act 2009-637

### U.S. Marine Corps Distinctive License Plate (cont.)

- Plates may be issued to private passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, and pleasure motor vehicles
- No limit to number of plates that may be obtained
- Act does not provide for personalized plates
- Documentation required:
  - Military ID; or
  - Leave and Earnings Statement; or
  - DD214

## New License Plate Designs

- Auburn University



- Saltwater Fishing and Alabama Treasure Forest
  - Available in November
  - Designs being finalized
  - Tag Types
    - Alabama Treasure Forest
      - AE – prenumbered; AG – personalized
    - Saltwater Fishing
      - SB – prenumbered; SE – personalized



## AIMS Update (Alabama Inventory Management System)

- In production
  - Ability of ADOR to view available inventory of plate types of each county by comparing the number of plates ordered with the number of metal tags issued
  - Ability of ADOR to enter beginning inventory balances of each county for each plate type
- Testing
  - Ability of county users to request license plates through ALVIS



## AIMS Update (cont.)

- In development
  - Ability of county users to request validation decals through ALVIS
  - Ability of county users to confirm receipt of plate and decal orders
  - Ability of county users to see status of orders
  - Ability of ADOR to record transfer of plate and decal inventory between locations
  - Ability of ADOR to record damaged plates and decals



## Personalized Tag Reservation System

- Currently testing updated system
- Changes made to county side:
  - Image of tag will appear once tag selected to order
  - Message requests will not be approved by ADOR. Instead, message will be screened by objectionable tag list. County still has option to deny an offensive message.
  - Option for ‘Name/Address Change Only’ in ‘Special Tag Order’ section. ADOR will approve all name/address changes.
  - Replacement license plate may be ordered in ‘Special Tag Order’ for plates lost in the mail or surrendered due to damage
  - The status of a tag (ordered, deleted, etc.) may currently be viewed by clicking the “Search for a Specific Tag” link. Date is defaulted to current date. Updated system will also show when tag has been submitted to tag plant for printing.
  - Changes may be made to tag request by county user until tag has been submitted to tag plant



## License Plate Information Available on Website

<http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/index.html>

- Click on “license plate information” on blue menu bar
- Select license plate category
- Select license plate
- Information includes....
  - Code section(s)
  - Tag type(s)
  - Fees
  - Additional fees
  - Who qualifies
  - Special documentation required
  - Distribution



## County Memos Now Available on Website

- <http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/index.html>
  - Click on “County Memos” on blue menu bar
- Years 2007 to present currently available.



## Revenue Commissioner's Order

- Extends August, September and October registration renewal for vehicles owned by Jefferson county residents until December 31, 2009
- Extends registration on vehicles purchased from July 12<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>
- Also applies to ad valorem tax payments on these vehicles
- IRP vehicles will register through ADOR – ad valorem tax payments are extended
- Penalty and/or interest will not be charged until January 4, 2010
- Advise registrants operating interstate to keep copy of the order in the vehicle



## Ad Valorem Tax on IRP Vehicles

- Memo 2009-28
- Electronic Title Act (2009-281) effective July 1, 2009
- Vehicles engaged in interstate transportation are no longer exempt from Alabama title law
- IRP vehicles must title in Alabama or provide effective title from another state with lienholder
- All Alabama IRP registered vehicles must pay ad valorem tax prior to registration



## Distinctive License Plates on Motor Homes

- Memo 2009-24
- Certain distinctive license plates may be displayed on motor homes, regardless of weight
- Registration fee based on weight plus additional fee for distinctive license plate
- Motor homes over 42,000 lbs. should be registered using truck (X5-X9) fee schedule
- Motor homes over 12,000 lbs. should be renewed in October/November



## Utility Trailers

- Electronic Title Act (2009-281) effective July 1, 2009
- Exempts utility trailers from Alabama title law
- 40-12-240(26) defines a utility trailer as “a trailer primarily designed to be drawn by a passenger car or pickup truck”
- Term “drawn by” means pulled/towed by attaching the trailer tongue to the rear bumper hitch of the car or pickup
- Pickup truck – truck with not more than 2 axles and a gross vehicle weight not exceeding 12,000 lbs
- Utility trailers registered with UT tag
- Trailers being drawn by a truck with a GVW exceeding 12,000 lbs. or a gooseneck trailer registered with a TR tag



## Daily Registration Update Project

- Improve the quality and timeliness of motor vehicle registration data that is available to law enforcement officers and licensing officials
- Development of an automated upload process to allow motor vehicle registration data to be uploaded to ALVIS on a nightly basis
- Development of a new process to edit for data quality and completeness
- Provide procedures, training and support to assist the counties in adopting and deploying this new approach to data collection.



## Daily Registration Update Project Timetable

- Project planning and development – October 2008
- Distribute proposed plan to county license plate issuing officials for comment – December 2008
- Meet with all county IT shops – March 2009
- Design of upload process approved by county and vendor stakeholders – September 2009
- Implement with pilot counties – October 2009
- Integrate with ALVIS – November 2009
- Go live with all counties – January 2010



## Department of Revenue Information on Vehicles (DRIVE)

- Provides a web portal for the DOR and county licensing officials to access limited driver's license, motor vehicle title, motor vehicle registration and motor vehicle insurance data
- Integrates motor vehicle data from the different databases and provides reporting capabilities
- Eliminates multiple logins to different motor vehicle systems including ALVIS, ETAPS, MLI and PTRS
- Implemented in conjunction with the daily registration update project



## Mandatory Liability Insurance

- Recently completed training for 14 counties
- 60 of 67 counties are processing provisional reinstatements
- Improves customer service
  - County clerk can reinstate registration suspension
  - Customer doesn't have to travel to ADOR office
- Increases revenue to county
  - County license plate issuing officials keep 10% of the fee
  - 50% goes to the county license plate issuing official and 50% goes to the county general fund
  - Fee retained by the official deposited into a special motor vehicle registration and titling technology fund