



# 2012 Legislative Session



# 2012 Legislative Updates

- Legislative session began February 7th
- Motor Vehicle legislative tracking document – available to counties via email
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## Immigration Legislation

- SB 37
- SB 41, HB106
- SB 62, SB74, SB212
- SB 140, HB226
- SB 171, SB211, SB260, HB38





# 2012 Legislative Updates

## – SB 168

- Sponsor – Senator Holley
  - Proposed effective date - January 1st.
- One U.S. Armed Forces Retired Plate exempt from registration fees
  - Retired military persons and retired reservists





# 2012 Legislative Updates

## – SB 170

- Sponsor – Senator Whatley
  - Proposed effective date - 1<sup>st</sup> day of 3<sup>rd</sup> month after becomes law.
- Amends 32-6-250 and 32-6-251
  - Creates Legion of Valor Distinctive License Plate
    - Resident members of Legion of Valor
    - One Legion of Valor (LOV) Plate exempt from registration fees and license taxes
    - Additional LOV plates upon payment of all license taxes and registration fees



# 2012 Legislative Updates

## – SB 172

- Sponsor – Senator Holley
  - Proposed effective date - 1<sup>st</sup> day of 3<sup>rd</sup> month after becomes law.
- Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC) on License Plates may consider applications for the creation of license plates for motorcycles
  - Sponsoring organizations submit separate applications for creation of passenger vehicle and motorcycle license plate categories
  - Designs for the two categories must be the same
  - Quantity Class 2 only



# 2012 Legislative Updates

## – SB 273

- Sponsor – Senator Glover

- Proposed effective date - 1<sup>st</sup> day of 3<sup>rd</sup> month after becomes law.

- Exempts Purple Heart medal recipient from motor vehicle ad valorem taxes

- Allow surviving spouses of Purple Heart, Medal of Honor and Prisoner of War medal recipients to obtain these distinctive plates

- Exempt from ad valorem and registration fees

- Exempts additional distinctive plates from ad valorem taxes and registration fees



# 2012 Legislative Updates

## – SB 308

- Sponsor – Senator Ward

- Proposed effective date – July 1, 2013.

- Exempts the filing of financing statements from Uniform Commercial Code secured transactions requirements for property subject to:

- Titles issued for motor vehicles and manufactured homes.

- Other records maintained as alternatives to certificates of title if an Alabama statute permits the security interests in question to be maintained without a certificate of title being issued.



# 2012 Legislative Updates

## – HB 33

- Sponsor – Representative Galliher
  - Proposed effective date - 1<sup>st</sup> day of 3<sup>rd</sup> month after becomes law.
- Create new weight and registration fee categories for recreational vehicles over 42,000 lbs.
- Reduces base fee for a R6 registration by \$60.00 (33,001 to 42,000 lbs.)
- Exempts one RV per registrant from the additional registration fee



# 2012 Legislative Updates

- HB 105
  - Sponsor – Representative DeMarco
    - Proposed effective date – Immediately upon becoming law.
  - Establishes Alabama Tax Appeals Commission
    - Eliminates Administrative Law Division
  - Department can suspend/revoke designated agent authority as follows:
    - Suspend immediately with electronic notice through ETAPS
    - Revoke after 60 days from date of notification after no appeal
  - Revocation of certificate of title or license by the department not final until
    - Titled owner and lienholder (if any) consents
    - 60 –day appeal period expires
  - Taxpayer appeal to circuit court only after final order by Tax Appeals Commission



# 2012 Legislative Updates

## – HB 146

- Sponsor – Representative Hubbard (J)
  - Proposed effective date – January 1 following date becomes law.
- Changes to motor vehicle license plates
  - Removes the heart symbol
  - Replaces words “heart of dixie” with “state of champions”

