Alabama Department of Revenue

Motor Vehicle Division

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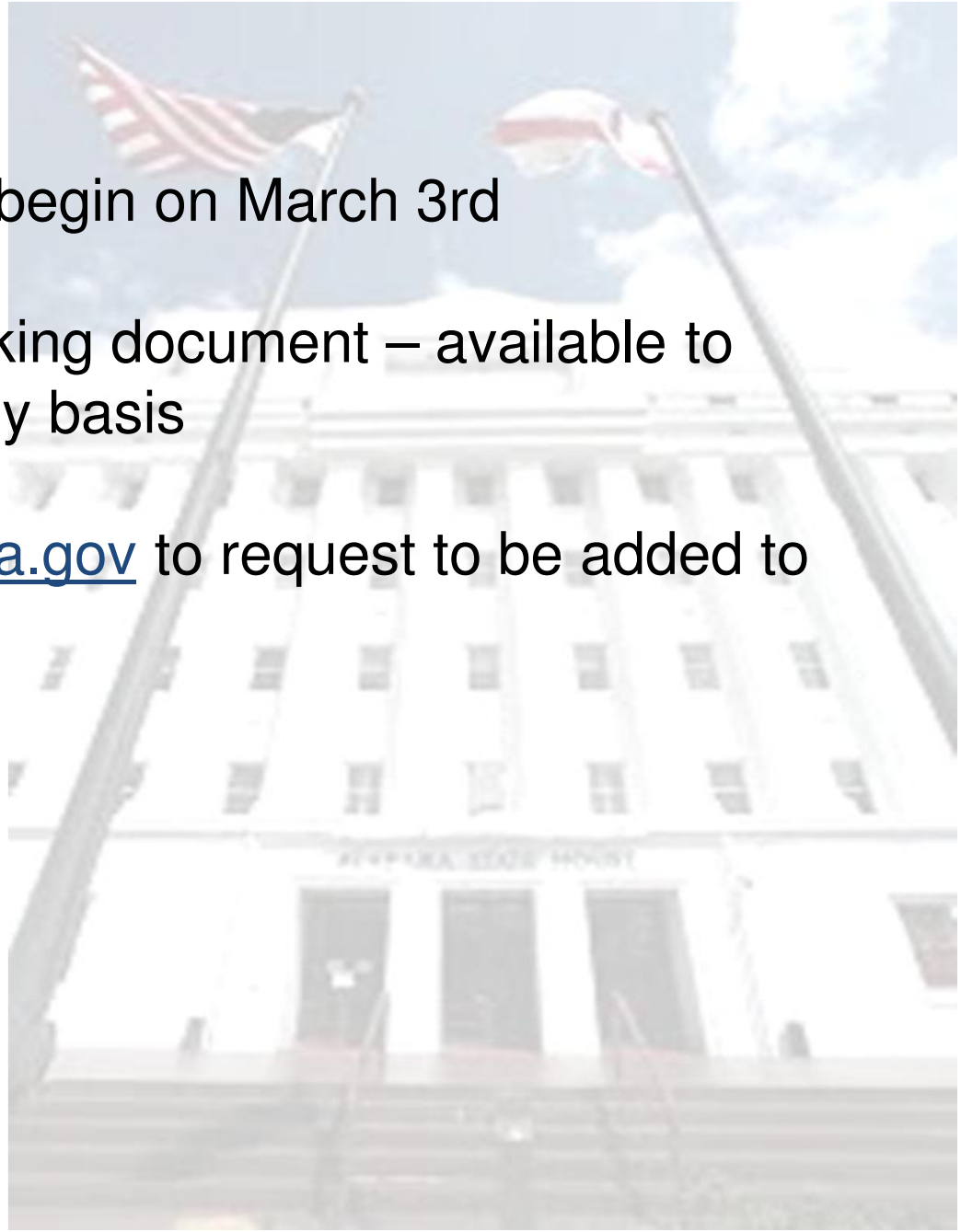
Motor Vehicle Legislative Review

Legislative Review



- 2015 Legislative session will begin on March 3rd
- Motor Vehicle legislative tracking document – available to counties via email on a weekly basis
- Email tags@revenue.alabama.gov to request to be added to the distribution list

Act 2014-007

- Effective: April 1, 2014
- Permits cities in Jefferson County to issue license plates
- Exception: If a vehicle has not been previously registered in this state by or in the name of the current vehicle owner.
- Must be resident of the city
- Annual additional fee of $5 used for the operations of city

Act 2014- 287

- Effective: April 7, 2014
- Adds code section: 32-6-64.1
- Permits DOR to outsource the manufacturing and distribution of license plates and validation decals
- Currently there are no plans to make any changes to our current procedures.

Act 2014- 295

- Effective: July 1, 2014
- Amends code section: 32-6-65
- Provides an exemption from penalty and interest charges for military personnel deployed for any part of the renewal month
- Does not apply to military personnel discharged as “dishonorable” or “other than honorable”
- Evidence of deployment:
  - ✓ military deployment orders, gov’t. issued statement of service letter, form DD214”Cert. of Release or Discharge from Active Duty” or, letter from registrant’s unit commander certifying deployment ending date
- Must renew registration within 30 calendar days of end of deployment.

Act 2014- 301

- Effective: January 1, 2015
- Optional 2 Year Registration Renewals
- Provides for a 2-year registration renewal option as opposed to the annual renewal
- County commission can authorize licensing officials to offer the option
- Registrants will still pay registration fees, ad valorem taxes for each year with this one transaction
- Local issuance fees will only be collected for the first registration year

Act 2014- 301 (Continued)

- Memo 2014-30 Questions Concerning the Provisions of Act 2014-301
  - ✓ Answers questions and provides clarification for counties considering this provision
  - ✓ Certain plate categories require annual verification of eligibility and are not subject to 2-year renewals
    - ❖ National Guard
    - ❖ Active Reserve
    - ❖ Dealer, Dealer Transit, and Manufacturer

Act 2014- 301 (Continued)

- Memo 2014-31 Notification Requirements for Counties Offering Two-Year Registration Renewals
  - ✓ Notify ADOR only if opting to offer 2-year renewals
  - ✓ 30 days in advance of implementation
  - ✓ Information to Provide to Motor Vehicle Division
    - ❖ County Name
    - ❖ Effective Date of Implementation

Act 2014- 301 (Continued)

QUESTION

Are Any Counties Intending to Offer the 2 - Year Renewal Option?

Act 2014- 158

- Effective: August 1, 2014
- Amends code sections: 40-12-390- 392, 40-12-395-396, 398, 400
- Dealer license requirement changes:
- 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 because they are now included in the definition under 40-12-390
- Exception: If a dealer only sells trailers that are not required to have a certificate of title, no regulatory license is required.

Act 2014- 158 (Continued)

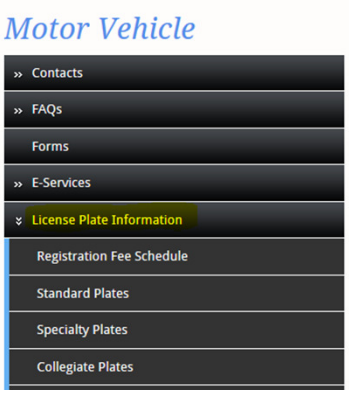
- Licensed dealers will automatically be licensed as wholesalers and rebuilders
- No license category for reconditioners (combined with rebuilder category)
- One bond for designated agents and dealers - $25,000
  - ✓ January 8, 2015, department sent notice to non-dealer designated agents (904)
  - ✓ March 15, 2015 is the deadline to comply or have account deactivated
- Off-site license may be obtained 1 day prior to sale

Act 2014- 158 (Continued)

- Effective: October 1, 2014
- Dealer Plate Requirements
- Must present Section 40-12-51(auto dealer), 40-12-62 (motorcycle) or 40-12-169 (trailers) business license along with Section 40-12-391 Dealer Regulatory License to obtain dealer license plates
  - ✓ New motor vehicle dealers may obtain combined total of 25 dealer <u>and</u> motorcycle dealer plates
  - ✓ Used motor vehicle dealers may obtain combined total of 10 dealer <u>and</u> motorcycle dealer plates
  - ✓ New or Used dealers with completed applications for certificates of titles for 1,500 or more title transfers in state for previous regulatory license year

Act 2014- 158 (Continued)

- How to determine New or Used dealers with completed applications for certificates of titles for 1,500 or more title transfers in state for previous regulatory license year
- License Plate Information
  - ✓ Annual Plates
  - ✓ Dealer



Dealer

Code Section:	Section 40-12-264
Primary Tag Type(s):	DL
Secondary Tag Type(s):	N/A
Series Began:	October 1st of each year

Click here to view a list of dealers that have completed applications for certificates of title for 1,500 or more title transfers in this state.

Act 2014- 158 (Continued)

- New or used dealers, wholesalers, and rebuilders may obtain a combined total of 10 DT <u>and</u> DT motorcycle plates

Dealer Licensing Statistics

	2013	2014	2015
Approved	4473	4532	4077
Rejected	197	52	45
Revoked	70	77	35

Dealer Licensing

- Over 100 dealer investigations since Sept. 2013
- To date, over 35 dealer licenses have been revoked
- Revocations result in assessments against dealers
- $1,000 providing erroneous information to obtain dealer plates
- $500 for not having a permanent location
- $100 for each dealer tag violation
- Assessments result in a claim against the dealer's surety bond
- Revocation of license automatically results in the revocation of the designated agent status
- Revocation of license also results in revocation of dealer plates
- Report of non-compliance sent to licensing official

Dealer Licensing

- Check dealer license site for dealer license status before issuing privilege license and dealer license plates
- Status available on MVTRIP - https://dealerlicense.mvtrip.alabama.gov/Home/Search
- The Dept. will audit to determine if licensing officials issue more plates to dealers than permitted by law

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Dealer Licensing

List of qualifying dealers available on DOR website - http://revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/dealer.cfm

Dealer License Search

Motor Vehicle Dealer Regulatory License Search

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Active : Revoked :

To view/print non-negotiable copy of license with validation date, click the icon in the far right column.

Business Name: License #: DBA: Search Export to Excel

Name	DBA	Address	City	Zip	County	Type	State	License #	View/Print
Derrick Test	Derrick's Autos	asdf	asdf	12312	JEFFERSON	New		01-05491-15	
cars		main street	montgomery	36117		Renewal		03-05128-15	
DUKE DAVID TIMOTHY	TIMDUKEAUTOSALESINC	5303 MAGNOLIA SOUTH DRIVE	TRUSSVILLE	35173		Renewal		01-02200-15	
Southern Comfort Towing, LLC		8782 County Road 26	Hope Hull	36043		Renewal		45-05003-15	
CURTIS LEE JONES	COWBOYS WHOLESALE INC	912 JORDAN LANE	HUNTSVILLE	35816		Renewal		47-00519-15	
Pierce, Dwayne & Darlene	R & D Truck Sales	12157 Highway 231-431N	Meridianville	35759	MADISON	Renewal		47-00803-15	
Carrigan Gerald M	Mercer Motors	1000 Hwy 52	Helena	35080		Renewal		58-00498-15	
Auto Image Repairables		147 Smith Street	Oxford	36203		Renewal		11-00458-15	
MGM Automotive, LLC.	MGM Automotive, LLC.	129 Austin Circle	Birmingham	35242		Renewal		58-00466-15	
White Jerry Wayne	White Motors	471 Burgess Rd.	Millport	35576	LAMAR	Renewal		40-05006-15	

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