

810-5-1-.227 The Issuance of Temporary License Tags and Registration Certificates by Designated Agents (Other than License Plate Issuing Officials).

(1) For the purposes of this regulation, each reference to "agent" shall apply to vehicle manufacturers, dealers and designated agents, other than license plate issuing officials, who are authorized by law to issue temporary license tags and registration certificates.

(2) Financial institutions that qualify as designated agents pursuant to Section 32-8-34, may issue temporary tags to vehicles owned by the financial institution. Proper use of such temporary tags is limited to allowing potential purchasers to test-drive or otherwise demonstrate the vehicles. Moreover, financial institutions may use temporary tags to move vehicles to repair locations, or to different locations for the purpose of selling the vehicles (such as to an auto auction).

(3) The temporary tag may be issued for any type motor vehicle; however, if the vehicle is a truck or truck tractor, and if the vehicle has a gross weight exceeding twelve thousand (12,000) pounds, the agent shall affix the notation "UNLADEN WEIGHT ONLY." Law enforcement shall consider the operation of a truck or truck tractor with a temporary tag at a weight exceeding the unladen (empty) weight of that truck or truck tractor plus the weight of the passengers and their personal luggage as operation without a valid license plate/registration; anyone convicted of such a violation shall be subject to sanctions under Section 32-6-219, Code of Alabama 1975.

(4) Each agent will obtain temporary tags and registration certificates from the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division. Agents shall request temporary tags by submitting form MVR-1 and remitting a fee of \$2.25 for each temporary tag requested.

(5) The Department, upon receipt of the remittance, shall provide the temporary tags to the agent. Furthermore, the Department will be responsible for the distribution of the portion of the fee which accrues to the county where the temporary tag is issued as provided by Section 32-6-215.

(6) If an agent deems it necessary to void a temporary tag(s), the voided temporary tags and registration certificates for same shall be submitted to the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, by the next business day.

(7) If an agent should decide to cease the issuing of temporary tags, all unissued tags and registration certificates must be returned to the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, with a request for refund of fees previously paid.

(8) When issuing the temporary tag, the agent must print the following information on the Temporary Tag Receipt, Form MVR: 32-6-211: the temporary tag number, the vehicle owner and the owner's address, the vehicle make, vehicle identification number, model year, type vehicle, date issued, the agent's name and by whom the temporary tag and registration receipt were issued. Any erasures or other

alterations of the required information on the Temporary Tag Receipt will render the document void, and of no value to the person or vehicle described thereon.

(9) The Temporary Tag Receipt shall be retained within the motor vehicle to which the temporary tag was issued for the 20 day time period that the temporary tag is valid.

(10) The agent, upon issuing of a temporary tag, shall forward the registration certificate information in subsection (8) to the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, by the next business day. Temporary tag registration information is to be retained by the agent for audit purposes.

(11) Agents, in issuing temporary tags, shall print, in ink, on the temporary tag itself complete information as to vehicle ownership, make, model year, vehicle identification numbers, expiration date, date of issuance and issuing official's signature and name. Any erasures or other alterations of the information required on a temporary tag or registration receipt will render it void, and of no value to the person or vehicle described thereon.

(12) Section 32-6-214, Code of Alabama 1975, provides that each temporary tag is valid 20 days from the day of issue and must be used only on the vehicle for which issued and no temporary tag shall be renewed nor shall successive temporary tags be issued in connection with the same vehicle.

(13) Temporary tags are to be displayed in the rear window of the passenger vehicle for which it was purchased. If secured for a commercial vehicle or a vehicle lacking a rear window, the temporary tag is to be posted in a location conspicuous to law enforcement officers.

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