

(1) License plate issuing officials may issue undercover license plates to law enforcement agencies ~~in order~~ to carry out investigations and surveillances (Attorney General Opinion 86-00271). Prior to the issuance of an undercover license plate, the license plate issuing official must ensure that the requesting Alabama law enforcement agency has obtained the appropriate state, county, or municipal license plate from the Department of Revenue as provided under Section § 40-12-250, Code of Alabama 1975. The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is responsible for issuing state license plates to vehicles owned and operated by the ALEA.

(2) **The following information Requests for Undercover License Plates.**

(a) The request must be provided to the licensing official on the Department of Revenue Application for Undercover License Plates, (form MV UC);

(b) The United States General Services Administration (GSA) requires that federal law enforcement agencies provide a copy of the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) with the Application for Undercover License Plates (form MV UC). If the MSO cannot be provided, the agency must submit documentation from GSA to allow exemption from this requirement.

(c) The ALEA requires their employees to return a copy of the completed Application for Undercover License Plates (form MV UC) to the Secretary of the ALEA.

~~(a) Name of person applying for the undercover license plate,~~

~~(b) Position of person applying for the undercover license plate,~~

~~(c) Law Enforcement department or agency requesting the undercover license plate,~~

~~(d) County in which the vehicle is based,~~

~~(e) Vehicle Identification Number (VIN),~~

~~(f) Vehicle year,~~

~~(g) Vehicle make,~~

~~(h) Vehicle model,~~

~~(i) Vehicle color,~~

~~(j) State, County, or Municipal License plate number assigned to vehicle,~~

~~(k) If registration should appear in the state registration database,~~

~~(l) Name and address as it should appear in the state registration database,~~

~~(m) Signature of department head authorizing the issuance of the undercover license plate.~~

~~(n) Telephone number of persons authorizing the issuance of the undercover license plate.~~

(3) **Undercover License Plate Record.**

(a) If the undercover license plate record is to be reflected ~~on~~ in the state registration database, the applicant **should must** provide the name and address as it is to appear in the database (this may be a fictitious name and address).

(b) If the undercover license plate record is not to be reflected in the state registration database, the county license plate issuing officials **should shall** not upload the undercover license plate information to the database so that anyone performing a license plate query would receive a “no record” response.

(4) **Undercover License Plate Issued.**

(a) **A P**pre-numbered standard license plates shall be issued free of charge for use on undercover motor vehicles, including automobiles, trucks, truck-tractors, trailers and recreational vehicles and ~~are~~ is not subject to the payment of license taxes levied on motor vehicles.

~~(5)(b) Law enforcement agencies often desire distinctive license plates for use on undercover vehicles as these plates do not reflect a county indicator.~~ The ~~Helping Schools and~~ God Bless America pre-numbered license plates may be obtained for undercover vehicles without payment of any additional fee. For any other distinctive or collegiate license plate, additional fees must be collected.

~~(6)(c)~~ Undercover license plates may not be issued to vehicles owned/used by non-law enforcement agencies, even **though if** law enforcement officials **may** work part-time security for these non-law enforcement agencies.

~~(7) The United States General Services Administration (GSA) requires that federal law enforcement agencies provide a copy of the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) with the Application for Undercover License Plates (form MV UC).~~

~~(8) — The ALEA requires that employees of the ALEA return a copy of the completed Application for Undercover License Plates (form MV UC) to the secretary of the ALEA.~~

~~(9)(5) Documentation Security. It is critical that information involving undercover vehicles must be kept confidential. Accordingly, license plate issuing officials ~~should~~ must retain any documentation involved with the issuance of undercover license plates in a locked secure location, ~~and an access to this information~~ must may be ~~strictly limited~~ provided to Examiners of Public Accounts in conjunction with an audit that is otherwise authorized by law.~~

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