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Don't Forget—Update Disability Parking Access Privileges for 2007

Physician Recertification Required in 2007

Montgomery—The Alabama Department of Revenue reminds individuals who currently hold five-year disability access parking placards and/or disability access license plates to renew their placards and license plates during their designated renewal month beginning in 2007.

Expiration dates are shown on the bottom of the removable windshield placard and on the month and year decals on the license plate.

State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees reminds individuals that before a new license plate or placard may be issued, individuals first must renew their disability parking access privileges.

All individuals seeking disability access parking privileges either for the first time or for renewal must obtain the signature of a licensed physician verifying that the individual qualifies for the parking credentials prior to receiving them. The *Application for Disability Access Parking Privileges* form (MVR 32-6-230) must be completed by a licensed physician before an Alabama disability access placard and/or disability access license plate is issued in 2007. The form is available at all county license plate issuing officials' offices or may be downloaded from the department's Web site at <http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/mvforms/MVR326230.pdf>.

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The new five-year removable windshield placard is issued free-of-charge and will expire at the end of the individual's registration renewal month in 2012.

The registration fee for the disability access parking license plate is the same as that of a standard license plate—\$23 annually, plus a county issuance fee. The license plate is renewed annually and will be replaced by a new five-year series in 2012.

Commissioner Surtees advises that federal guidelines do not require any vehicle ownership rights to obtain a disability access placard, but do require vehicle ownership rights to obtain a disability access license plate.

“A person with disabilities may obtain a maximum of two windshield placards; however, if an individual wishes to obtain a placard and a license plate, only one placard may be issued. Note there are no limits placed upon the number of disability access license plates that may be issued to an individual with disabilities, provided vehicle ownership qualifications are met. To obtain the license plate, the person with disabilities must have an ownership interest in the vehicle,” explained Surtees.

For more information concerning disability parking access privileges, contact the Alabama Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division at (334) 242-9000 or visit the department's Web site at www.revenue.alabama.gov.

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