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March 11-13, 2014
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Learning Objectives

1. Review Act 2014-007
2. Identify when a mv registration may/may not be renewed
3. Apply all laws properly when processing renewals
4. Use various DOR systems
5. Learn audit and reporting requirements
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- Permits cities in Jefferson County to renew motor vehicle registrations
- Must be resident of the city/county
- No issuance of license plates
- Effective January 1, 2013
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- Permits cities in Jefferson County to issue license plates for motor vehicle renewals and replacements
- Exception: If a vehicle has not been previously registered in this state by or in the name of the current vehicle owner
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• Act 2014-007
• Must be resident of the city/county
• Annual additional fee up to $5 may be levied by the city council
• Used for the operations of city licensing official’s office
• Collected only once per vehicle per registration year
• Effective April 1, 2014
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Quiz Question

May a city issue/transfer titles according to Act 2014-007?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Sometimes
D. All of the above
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Answer

B. No

Cities will not process any title related transactions.
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History of Alabama Registration Law

- Vehicles required to be registered (Act 541 of 1903)
- Ten (10) days to register vehicles
- Probate judge assigned the license numbers
- Registrants required to display number on the vehicle
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History of Alabama Registration Law

• 1905- first license plates (brass) issued by City of Birmingham

• 1908- metal plates issued

• 1909-1911- porcelain plates issued
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History of Alabama Registration Law

• Act 452 of 1911

• Provided penalties and punishment for not registering vehicles after October 1, 1911

• Alabama Secretary of State was the issuing official
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History of Alabama Registration Law

• Law required brakes, horn, bell, other signaling device
• At least 2 lighted lamps. A red lamp on the license plate
• Driver required to obtain a chauffer license annually
• Had to display the license on his or her clothing (metal badge)
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History of Alabama Registration Law

- Alabama issued pairs of porcelain plates in 1911
- 3 types of plates issued
  - motorcycle, dealer, private cars
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History of Alabama Registration Law

• Statistics
  - 1914: 8,078 private cars, 1,030 motorcycles
  - 1915: 13,210
  - 1916: 23,033
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History of Alabama Registration Law

- 1916- Alabama issued first “commercial” plate
- 1922-1952- first alpha characters on Alabama plates
- Characters indicated horsepower and weight
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History of Alabama Registration Law

• 1969- first reflectorized plates manufactured
• 1955- “Heart of Dixie” first appeared on plates
• 1977-Alabama began issuing 5-yr. plates
• 1981-Staggered registration system began
• 1998- Tag follows owner
• 2003- Digital license plates (aluminum)
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Quiz Question: May a resident of Birmingham who works in Vestavia Hills renew his/her motor vehicle registration in Vestavia Hills?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Yes, under certain circumstances
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Answer

B. No

The registrant must be a resident of the city in order to renew his/her motor vehicle registration.
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Prerequisites to Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals

- Application for certificate of title and title fees
  (Code section 32-8-32)

- Property tax assessed/collected
  (Code section 40-12-253)
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Prerequisites to Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals (continued)

• Evidence of liability insurance verified/reinstatement fees collected (Code sections 32-7A-4, 32-7A-12 & 32-7A-12)

• Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (FHVUT) (Form 2290 for certain vehicles)
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Staggered Registration Schedule (32-6-61)

- Jan A & D
- Feb B
- March C & E
- April F, G, & N
- May H & O
- June M & I
- July P & L
- August J, K, & L
- September Q, S, & T
- October U, V, W, X, Y, Z
- October & November

(Truck, Commercial, Fleet, National Guard)
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Question: What month(s) do National Guard members renew their motor vehicle registrations?
A. February
B. June
C. October
D. October and November
E. Any month that is convenient for them
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Answer

D. October and November
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• Renewal Penalty
  – $15 failure to renew registration in designated renewal month (32-6-65)
  – 25% of the net amount of the registration fee due if a higher classification plate is required due to a citation (40-12-249)

• While there are other registration penalties, they will not apply to city issued renewals
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• Renewal Interest (40-1-44)
• Whenever a renewal is delinquent, penalty and interest charges will apply and must be collected
• Based on underpayment rate established by the U.S. Treasury (updated quarterly)
• DOR will notify licensing officials regarding how to calculate interest
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Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax
(32-6-58 and Title 26 US Code 4481)

- Trucks and truck tractors with a GVW >54,999 pounds

- Proof of payment of FHVUT
  - Schedule 1 stamped by the IRS
  - Cancelled check with the entire Form 2290
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Truck

Truck-Tractor
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Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

- IRS requires Electronic Filing for 25 or more vehicles and encourages all taxpayers to file their 2290 form online.

- Annual audits by the Motor Vehicle Division
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Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

- Governor certifies compliance annually

- Non-compliance will cost the state hundreds of millions in federal highway funds
# Stamped Schedule 1

## Schedule of Heavy Highway Vehicles

For the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

Complete and file both copies of Schedule 1. One copy will be stamped and returned to you for use as proof of payment when registering vehicles(s) with a state.

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**TERRITORY 2**
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Trip/Fuel Permits

- IFTA/IRP Qualified vehicles
- Not registered for IFTA/IRP
- 7-day duration
- Needed to travel in other jurisdictions
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Quick Facts Regarding License Plates

• **Every** issuing official collects $1.25 issuance fee

• **Every** issuing official collects a 2 ½ % commission on registration fees and additional fees

• **All** personalized plates have an annual additional fee ranging from $5 to $60
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Quick Facts Regarding License Plates

- Most plates follow the owner when the vehicle is sold, junked, or otherwise disposed of (1998)

- All plates do not have decals
  - Permanent and Annual Plates

- Replacement plate fee is $2.00
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License Plate Categories (9)

- Standard Plate
- Registration fee: $15; $23-$890
- Personalized: $50 annual additional fee
- County key indicators (32-6-64)
- Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs, motorcycles
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License Plate Categories

• Collegiate
• Registration fee: $23-$890
• Annual additional fee: $50
• Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs
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License Plate Categories

- Military
- Registration fee: Varies
- Documentation required for all plates
- Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs
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Military

• Annual validation required to obtain registration fee exemption for:
  – National Guard
    • Active: Must present the current military ID card and certificate signed by the unit commander. Only one certificate is issued per guard member, per year.
    • Retired: Must present military ID card, NGB Form 22, or Notice of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60.
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Military

– Army Reserve

• Must present a military ID card and an affidavit signed by the unit commander. Only one affidavit is issued per reserve member, per year.
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License Plate Categories

• Specialty
• Registration fee: $23-$890
• Annual Additional Fee : $15-$60
  (pre-numbered/personalized)
• Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs
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License Plate Categories

• Generic Specialty
• Registration fee: $23-$890
• Annual Additional Fee :$5- $50
  (pre-numbered/personalized)
• Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, RVs
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License Plate Categories

• Annual
• Registration fee: $26.00
• Requires licenses to obtain plates

![License Plates Example]
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License Plate Categories

• Government
• Registration fee : $15- $23
• Issued by DOR only
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License Plate Categories

- Vintage
- Registration fee: $10
- Permanent Plates
- Vehicles over 30 years old

Passenger

Motorcycle
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License Plate Categories

- Apportioned (IRP)
- Registration fee: $300-$890
- Issued by DOR only
- Cities will assess and collect ad valorem taxes
- County to IRP plate- carrier must surrender county plate to DOR
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Quiz Question

May cities issue replacement license plates for all categories?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Both A and B
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Answer

C. No

Cities cannot issue the original/replacement plates for the following categories:
- Apportioned
- Government
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Disability Access Placards
No charge for Placards

Permanent
Permanently Disabled

Temporary
Valid up to 6 months
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

Application For Disability Access Parking Privileges

NOTICE: Return This Application To Your County Licensing Office
To Acquire Disability Access Placards and/or License Plates.

Individuals with qualified disabilities must obtain a licensed physician’s certification prior to the initial issuance of disability access placards and/or license plates. Individuals with long-term disabilities may self-certify their qualifying disability if they are renewing their disability access placards and/or license plates for the five year period beginning in 2012.

Indicate below which privilege is being requested:

☐ DISABILITY ACCESS LICENSE PLATE(S) (to include disability access military and motorcycle plates) — Issued only for vehicles owned by (a) persons with a disability as described below; and (b) organizations that transport persons with a disability as described below.

☐ DISABILITY ACCESS PLACARD(S) — Issued only to persons with a disability, as described below, who have a LONG-TERM limitation or impairment in their ability to walk.

☐ TEMPORARY DISABILITY ACCESS PLACARD(S) — Issued only to persons with a disability, as described below, who have a TEMPORARY limitation or impairment in their ability to walk (not to exceed six months).

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I meet the requirements necessary to receive a disability access license plate/placard as listed in the section below:

Requirements and Physician's Certification

Disability Access license plates and placards may be issued to:
(a) persons with a disability which limits or impairs their ability to walk; or
(b) organizations that transport persons with a disability which limits or impairs their ability to walk (except that organizations shall not be eligible for placards).

As determined by a licensed physician, persons with disabilities which limit or impair their ability to walk means persons who:

☐ (1) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest; or
☐ (2) Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device; or
☐ (3) Are restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person’s forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm Hg on room air at rest; or
☐ (4) Use portable oxygen; or
☐ (5) Have a cardiac condition to the extent that the person’s functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
☐ (6) Are severely limited in their ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

Physician, check the number(s) above representing the applicant’s specific disability which limits or impairs his/her ability to walk and indicate below the length of disability if temporary.

☐ Long-term Disability.
☐ Temporary Disability (period not to exceed six months). Beginning Date: __________________________ Ending Date: __________________________

The undersigned affirms under penalty of perjury that the applicant listed above has the specific disability(ies) as checked above.

Licensed Physician’s Signature

☐ DISABILITY ACCESS APPLICANT’S SELF-CERTIFICATION

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I continue to meet the requirements for the disability access license plate/placard as
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Temporary Tags

• 20-day temporary tags
  – Issued when a casual sale has occurred
  – Registrants who reside in another jurisdiction

• 60-day temporary tags
  – Issued when personalized plate has been ordered
  – Issue registration receipt and validation decals
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Temporary Tags
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Quiz question: If a registrant orders a personalized license plate, what type of temporary tag will be issued?

A. 20-day
B. 15-day
C. 45-day
D. 60-day
E. None of the above
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Answer

D. 60-day
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• License plate categories are created by:
  – Legislation
  – Legislative Oversight Committee on License Plates (LOC) established in 1997 (32-6-67)
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LOC Process (32-6-64)

• Committee consists of 13 members (32-6-67)
• Approves, denies, indefinitely postpones applications
• Approved organizations have 12 months to qualify
• Quantity Class 1 (250-999 registrations)
• Quantity Class 2 (1,000 + registrations)
Alabama Distinctive License Plates Available for Commitment to Purchase

License Plate Category: Alabama Olympic and Paralympic Training
Sponsoring Organization: Lakeshore Foundation
Required number of pre-commitments: 1000
Contact Name: Jennifer Chandler
Phone Number: (205)-313-7466
Email: jennifer@lakeshore.org
End of Precommitment Period: 12/31/2014

This plate is available to all supporters.
Lakeshore Foundation will use the funds to serve our mission: to enable people with physical disability and chronic health conditions to lead healthy, active and independent lifestyles through physical activity, sport, recreation and research. The USOC will apply its portion of the proceeds for high performance services and financial assistance provided to Olympic and Paralympic athletes and hopefuls from the state.

License Plate Category: Baldwin County Parks
Sponsoring Organization: Stockton Heritage Association, Inc.
Required number of pre-commitments: 1000
Contact Name: Lynn Rattle Bazeone
Phone Number: (251)-937-3748
Email: sfoyd@baldwincountyal.gov
End of Precommitment Period: 5/31/2014

This plate is available to all supporters.
The net proceeds will be used for construction, maintenance, and educational programs within Baldwin County’s park system.

License Plate Category: Freshwater Fishing
Sponsoring Organization: Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
Required number of pre-commitments: 1000
Contact Name: Curtis Jones
Phone Number: (334)-242-3486
Email: julie.mitchell@dcnr.alabama.gov
End of Precommitment Period: 5/31/2014

This plate is available to all supporters.
The net proceeds will be used for enhancement of aquatic resources.
This license plate is no longer open for precommitment.
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Quiz Question: What are the methods used to create specialty license plates?

A. Legislation
B. LOC
C. Lottery
D. A and B
E. B and C
F. None of the above
The two methods in which specialty plates are created are by legislation or by approval of the LOC.
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Tour of ADOR Website

http://revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/
2014 Legislation

- HB44-Rep. Boothe
- HB60-Reps. Hurst and Fincher
- SB26- Senators Dial and Whatley
- Amends Section 40-12-248
- Removes F4 plate restriction for truck tractors for farmers
- Currently only one plate can be obtained
- Permits unlimited plate purchases
- Effective immediately following passage
2014 Legislation

- HB85 – Rep. Merrill
- Annual additional $5 fee for Fire Fighter license plate
- Who qualifies for this plate? Current/retired members of:
  - Paid
  - Part-paid
  - Volunteer fire departments (in-state/out-of-state)
- Net proceeds to be distributed to the Fire Fighters Annuity and Benefit Fund
- Effective first day of the third month following passage
2014 Legislation

- HB221- Rep. Shedd
- Amend Sections 32-6-130, 32-6-131, 32-6-133, 40-12-244, and 40-12-254
- Creates a DV motorcycle plate for all disabled veterans
- Effective first day of the third month following passage
2014 Legislation

- HB359- Rep. DeMarco
- SB265- Sen. Dial
- Permits DOR to outsource the manufacturing and distribution of license plates and validation decals
- Will permit print-on-demand receipts and decals
- Effective immediately following passage
2014 Legislation

- HB398/SB312
- Reps. Collins, McClurkin, Scott
- Senator Blackwell
- Requires licensing officials to capture the FEIN or SSN for each applicant:
  - 40-12, Article 2 - Business, occupational, vocational licenses, store licenses
  - Article 6 – Store licenses
  - Article 8 – Dealer licenses
  - Article 9 - Automotive dismantlers and parts recyclers
- Application information must be transmitted to DOR
- Effective first day of the third month
2014 Legislation

• HB400/SB305
• Amends both the dealer licensing and dealer tag laws
• 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.
• Licensed dealers will automatically be licensed as wholesaler and rebuilders.
• One bond for designated agents and dealers- $25,000
• Effective date is August 1, 2014
2014 Legislation

- HB461- Reps. Drake, Faust, Carns, Wallace, Standridge, Baker, Patterson, McClendon
- Creates the professional firefighter plate
- Paid and part-paid fire department employees
- Creates a motorcycle FF plate
- FF Personnel Standards and Education Commission will provide lists to licensing officials
- Effective date is January 1, 2015
2014 Legislation

- HB461- Reps. Drake, Faust, Carns, Wallace, Standridge, Baker, Patterson, McClendon

- Creates the Legion of Valor plate

- Eligibility requirements:
  - Awarded the Medal of Honor, the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross

- Effective date is first day of the third month
2014 Legislation

- HB495- Rep. Millican
- Permits registrants to purchase IRP plates from either DOR or county licensing officials
- Effective January 1, 2015
2014 Legislation

• SB32-Senator Whatley
• Alabama State Nursing Association License Plate
• Available to all supporters
• Annual additional fee of $50
• Net proceeds to the Alabama State Nurses Association
• Plate to be designed by the Alabama State Nurses Association
• Effective date is the first day of the third month following passage.
2014 Legislation

- SB50- Senator Blackwell
- Ovarian Cancer motorcycle license plate
- Available to all supporters
- Annual additional fee of $50
- Net proceeds to the Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation
- Plate to be designed by the Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation
- Effective January 1, 2015
2014 Legislation

• SB86- Sen. Taylor
• HB193-Rep. Boothe
• Exemption from penalty and interest charges for military personnel deployed for any part of the renewal month
• Exception: Discharged as “dishonorable” or “other than honorable”
• Evidence of deployment:
  – military deployment orders, gov’t. issued statement of service letter, form DD214, letter from unit commander certifying deployment ending date
• Must renew registration within 30 calendar days of end of deployment.
• Effective first day of third month.
2014 Legislation

• SB188-Sens. Coleman, Brewbaker, etc.
• Provides for a 2-year registration renewal option
• County commission can authorize licensing officials to offer the option
• Registrants pay registration fees, ad valorem taxes for each year
• Local issuance fees only collected for the first registration year
• Effective date is January 1, 2015
2014 Legislation

- SB264-Sens. Dial, Whatley, Williams
- Amends Sections 40-12-244 and 40-12-254
- Provides for additional registration fee exemption and ad valorem tax exemption (40-12-254) for:
  - Active and retired guard members, service connected disabled veterans, active reserve members, volunteer rescue squad members, Civil Air Patrol, volunteer firefighters (40-12-244)
  - Disabled veterans whose personal use vehicles are paid or partly paid for by Veterans’ Affairs (40-12-254)
- Effective date is the first day of the third month following passage
2014 Legislation

• SB286- Sen. Holley
• Requires registrants obtaining placards (both blue and red) to provide the following information to licensing officials:
  – State issued driver’s license number or
  – State issued non-driver identification number or
  – Unique identifying number prescribed by DOR
• Effective on January 1, 2015
2014 Legislation

• SB449-Senator Glover
• Amends Code Section 40-12-290 (Vintage Vehicle Plates)
  – Permits owner to determine whether to operate vehicle for general use or for parades and car shows.
  – Registration fee for general use - $33
    • Registrants will receive two license plates
  – Registration fee for limited use - $10
    • Registrants will receive one license plate
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Contact Information

Registration: tags@revenue.alabama.gov
Phone: (334) 242-9006

Motor Carrier Services (IFTA/IRP)
mcs@revenue.alabama.gov
Phone: (334) 242-2999
Questions