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MEMORANDUM

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TO: License Plate Issuing Officials

FROM: Sherry Helms, Registration Unit SCH
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SUBJECT: New/Redesigned License Plates/ Legislation Effective January 1, 2017

The Stop Domestic Violence (Act 2016-355) and State Parks (Act 2016-408) distinctive license plates will be available for issuance beginning January 1, 2017. Each plate has an annual additional fee of \$50. **Personalized and pre-numbered license plates featuring the designs may be ordered using the PROS system beginning January 1, 2017.**

Distribution information from the State Comptroller's office related to the Stop Domestic Violence plate category will be provided soon. Distribution information for the State Parks plate category was included with the Comptroller's memo dated November 16, 2016.

Act 2016-339 amends 32-6-130, 40-12-254, and 40-12-244 related to the registration fee exemption/reduction provided to persons qualified to receive the Disabled Veteran license plates. The amendment allows a disabled veteran to apply their registration exemption/reduction to any license plate; not just the Disabled Veteran license plate category. This is similar to the way the Active Reserve plate and Alabama National Guard plate exemptions are applied.

The Troy University license plate has been redesigned for issuance beginning January 1, 2017. An initial order of these plates will be delivered to licensing officials' offices, based on the plates issued to residents of the county. On January 1, 2017, please remove all current license plates with the old design from your shelves and retain them for audit purposes. **Additional pre-numbered and all personalized plates featuring the new design may be ordered using the Plate Reservation and Ordering System (PROS) beginning January 1, 2017.**

The tag number scheme for the plates may be found on the Motor Vehicle Division website at <http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/index.html> under 'Reference' then 'Registration File Information'.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Motor Vehicle Division at: tags@revenue.alabama.gov or (334) 242-9006.