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MEMORANDUM

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TO: License Plate Issuing Officials

FROM: Sherry Helms, Registration Unit *SH*
Motor Vehicle Division

SUBJECT: Governor Proclamation Related to Stillman College Distinctive License Plates

Under the authority of Section 32-6-53, Code of Alabama 1975, and pursuant to the issuance of a proclamation of emergency under date of November 19, 2014, by Governor Robert Bentley, the State of Alabama through its Department of Revenue along with Stillman College will redesign and reissue the Stillman College distinctive license plates before the expiration of the five year period. Please find attached a copy of the proclamation.

In accordance with this proclamation, Stillman College has decided to discontinue the sales of their distinctive license plates effective December 1, 2014. The Stillman College distinctive license plates will not be available for renewal or new issuance as of December 1, 2014, until such time that the Department along with Stillman College can approve a newly designed plate to make available for issuance. On December 1, 2014, please ensure all current design Stillman College license plates are removed from your shelves and held for audit purposes.

Additional details regarding the issuance of the newly designed plate will be provided before the new plates become available for issuance.

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

Attachment



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on or about July 1, 2014, the State of Alabama through its Department of Revenue issued a Stillman College collegiate license plate for motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Collegiate Licensing Company and Louisiana State University have asserted that the artwork in the Stillman College collegiate license plate contains Louisiana State University marks; and

WHEREAS, the Collegiate Licensing Company and Louisiana State University have contacted Stillman College on several occasions regarding the license plate design and have issued a cease and desist letter to Stillman College; and

WHEREAS, state law pursuant to Section 32-6-62 of the Code of Alabama normally requires that all motor vehicle license plate designs shall be valid for not less than five years; and

WHEREAS, without conceding or admitting any copyright or trademark violation, the State of Alabama and Stillman College have decided to redesign and reissue the Stillman College plate before the expiration of the five year period.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, as Governor of the State of Alabama and pursuant to the authority given to me under the Constitution and laws of this State, generally, and Section 32-6-53 of the Code of Alabama, specifically, do hereby declare that an emergency exists within the State of Alabama making reasonably necessary the use of such substitutes as are allowed by the said Section 32-6-53 for the usual tags attached to or placed upon motor vehicles.

BE IT ORDERED that the Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Revenue is hereby directed to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the use of "substitutes for the usual tags attached to or placed upon motor vehicles" as authorized under Section 32-6-53 of the Code of Alabama related to the Stillman College collegiate license plate.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Proclamation be published for five days in five daily papers within the State of Alabama as required by state law.



DONE AND ORDERED this the 19th day of November, 2014.

Robert Bentley

Robert Bentley
Governor

Attested:

Jim Bennett
Jim Bennett
Secretary of State