Buyer’s Identification Cards for Automotive Dismantlers and Parts Recyclers.

(1) Section 40-12-421, Code of Alabama 1975, restricts sales at salvage pools or salvage disposal sales to persons holding a current automotive dismantler and parts recycler license or their agents or employees. It also provides that each such person must have a separate buyer’s identification (BID) card to buy at a salvage pool or salvage disposal sale. Further, it provides that such cards are to be valid as long as the holder is a licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler or an agent or employee of the same licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler.

(2) The BID card authorizing a holder to bid on or buy motor vehicles at a salvage pool or salvage disposal sale shall be available to any person, firm, or corporation that possesses a current Alabama automotive dismantler and parts recycler license under Section 40-12-411, Code of Alabama 1975. Cards are also available to salvage dealers licensed in other states under a license equivalent to the Alabama automotive dismantler and parts recycler license.

(3) Dismantlers wishing to obtain BID cards must submit an application to the Department on the prescribed form containing the following information:
   (a) Name, business and mailing address, and telephone number of the licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler.
   (b) Name, home address and telephone number of an owner or officer of the dismantler.
   (c) Signature of the owner or officer listed in (2).
   (d) Name, home address, telephone number and physical description of each buyer date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, hair, and eye color.
   (e) Signature of each buyer for whom a BID card is sought.

(4) The following must be submitted with the BID card application:
   (a) A copy of the buyer’s state issued Identification card containing a valid picture of the buyer.
   (b) If the Dismantler is licensed in a state other than Alabama, a copy of the current equivalent license as described in paragraph (4) below.
   (c) The processing fee for each buyer for whom a (BID) card is sought.

(5) A license issued by another state of the United States will be considered equivalent to the Alabama automotive dismantler and parts recycler license if the licensing laws of the other state provide for all of the following:
   (a) Authorization to engage in the business of purchasing and dismantling, disassembling or repairing, wrecked, abandoned, or repairable motor vehicles, and selling the usable parts thereof; or the business of selling such wrecked, abandoned, or repairable motor vehicles as a unit at wholesale, or selling the hulk of the vehicle after the salvageable parts have been removed.
   (b) A physical location within the state of licensure.
(c) Maintenance of records of all purchases and sales of vehicles for a period of five years from the date of purchase or sale, including the name and address of each purchaser or seller. Such records must be made available for inspection by agents of the State of Alabama at the automotive dismantler and parts recycler's business location during reasonable business hours on business days.

A license issued by a political subdivision of a state, or by a municipality will not be considered equivalent to the Alabama automotive dismantler and parts recycler license, nor will a license issued by a foreign country or by a state or province of a foreign country be considered equivalent.

(6) BID cards will be issued by the Department on a form containing the following information:
(a) Expiration Date.
(b) Name, business address and license number of the licensed dismantler and parts recycler.
(c) Name, home address, state-issued identification card number, which includes the date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, hair and eye color of the buyer.
(d) Signature of the owner or officer of the dismantler, and signature of the buyer. BID cards will not be valid unless signed by the owner or officer of the dismantler and the buyer.

(7) All BID cards will be valid from October 1 through September 30 of each year and will expire when the Alabama automotive dismantler and parts recycler licenses expire. Annually, holders of valid cards on September 30 may continue to bid on or buy motor vehicles at a salvage pool or salvage disposal sale for the thirty day grace period ending each October 30. Persons wishing to bid on or buy motor vehicles at a salvage pool or salvage disposal sale after October 30 must have a current BID card.

(8) All BID cards become invalid if the holder is no longer a licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler or an agent or employee of the same licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler. BID cards issued to dismantlers licensed in other states may be revoked for failure to comply with the conditions of the Alabama automotive dismantler and parts recycler license or for failure to permit inspection of records of purchases and sales as required under Section (4) hereof.

(9) A person, firm, or corporation who is a license holder under Section 40-12-421, Code of Alabama 1975, is limited to no more than three (3) BID cards. BID cards are not transferable. If a buyer is no longer an employee or agent of the dismantler, the dismantler may submit a new application for a new employee or agent. The new application must contain all required information and include the required attachments and processing fee.

(10) If a BID card is lost or damaged, the dismantler may apply for a duplicate card, by completing a new application, furnishing all required information and paying the processing fee.
(11) Any changes (i.e. business entity, eligible applicant, address, telephone number) shall be reported to the Department. Failure to report such changes may result in the revocation of the BID card(s).

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