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MEMORANDUM

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TO: License Plate Issuing Officials

FROM: David Baxley, Registration Section Manager
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SUBJECT: Registration Updates

Legislative Act 2021-134 (effective June 1, 2021) exempts electric bicycles (defined in 32-6-1.1 as a vehicle less than 750 watts, with a seat, and can't travel over 25mph) from titling, insurance, and registration requirements.

Beginning October 1, 2021, license plates will no longer include stacked characters. The name of the plate category (TRUCK, TAXI, BUS, etc.) will appear at the bottom of the plate. The license plate will contain up to seven (7) alphanumeric characters including the county indicator (1-67), which will continue to be the first two alphanumeric characters. The registered weight of the vehicle should be reflected on the registration receipt.



Also beginning October 1, 2021, a restricted license plate will be available for motor vehicle wreckers. As defined in Section 40-12-248, Code of Ala. 1975, and administrative rule 810-5-1-.207, a wrecker is a vehicle used primarily to move, tow, or recover disabled motor vehicles or used for impoundment purposes. The registration fees are based on the gross vehicle weight of the wrecker only without regard to the gross vehicle weight of any motor vehicle to be towed by the wrecker. The name the license plate classification "wrecker" will appear at the bottom of the plate.

Legislative Act 2021 – 337 (effective October 1, 2021) amends §40-12-248, Code of Ala. 1975 to remove the limit on farm tags issued to truck-tractors owned by a farmer. The act allows any size truck or truck-tractor transporting forestry products to display the restricted Forestry Products tag. The act also removes the requirement for a paper declared gross vehicle weight affidavit. Refer to Administrative Rule 810-5-1-.442 (updates effective 11/8/2021) for further information.

Beginning October 1, 2021, licensing officials should begin issuing registrations using the revised registration receipt. The revised receipt will allow more space for county fees to be captured on the receipt. The barcode on the receipt will reflect both registrant and vehicle information (registrant name, address, VIN, make, model, plate

number, issuance/expiration date, and primary tag type). The registration record should also be revised to reflect the additional data fields. Below is the link to the revised registration record on the MVD website:
<https://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle/registration-file-information/>

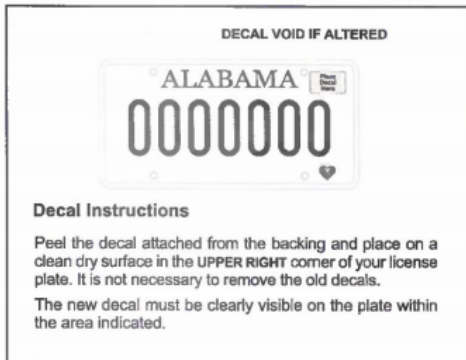
SAMPLE REVISED REGISTRATION RECEIPT



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAG AND TAX RECEIPT
 MVR 40-12-253B (8-20)

**ALABAMA LAW REQUIRES ORIGINAL, PHOTOCOPY OR ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS RECEIPT
 TO BE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.**

TAG INFO				VEHICLE INFO			
Tag Number	58K1234	Expiration Date	05/31/2022	Make	TOYT	VIN	STFTX4CN9FX123456
Issuing County	SHELBY	Issue Date	05/21/2021	Year	2015	DGVW	8000
City Code	7	Date Acquired	11/14/2014	Model	TACOMA 4X2 ACCESS CAB 4 CYL		
Purchase Price	\$22,400	Ad Val. Start Date	06/01/2020	Color	BLACK	Title App #	E3133211234
Tag Year	2021	Tag Type	PC	Fuel Type	STND	Class Code	4
	Tax Tag	STT	0	Title State	AL	Body Type	TR
Num. of Months	12 12	Ctrl #	1234567890	Assessed Value	\$1,540.00	Market Value	\$16,576.00



The rotation of multiple validation decal colors (red, green, and yellow) has been eliminated and going forward with the 2022 registration year, decals will remain yellow. If licensing offices have any red or green validation decals in their inventory, please contact the Motor Vehicle Division to arrange for pickup and destruction of the decals.

Please contact the Motor Vehicle Division at 334-242-9000 or email MVD@revenue.alabama.gov if you have any questions regarding this memo.