

(1)(a) Section 40-12-421, Code of Ala. 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. Each such person must have a separate buyer's identification (BID) card to buy at a salvage pool or salvage disposal sale.

(b) A person, firm, or corporation who is a license holder under § 40-12-421, Code of Ala. 1975, is limited to no more than three (3) BID cards for each licensed location. BID cards are not transferable. If a buyer is no longer an employee or agent of the automotive dismantler or parts recycler, the bid card is no longer valid and the dismantler may submit a new BID card application and payment for a new employee or agent.

(2) (a) License Required to Obtain a Bid Card. 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 § 40-12-411, Code of Ala. 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 pursuant to subparagraph (2)(b).

(b) Acceptance of License Issued by Another State. 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 the following:

i. 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.

ii. A permanent physical location within the state of licensure which is adequate to conduct business as provided above.

iii. 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.

(3) Required Information for BID Card Application. Dismantlers wishing to obtain BID cards must submit an application to the Department, which includes but is not limited to the following information:

(a) Name, business and mailing address, and telephone number of the licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler.

(b) Name, address and telephone number of an owner or officer of the dismantler.

(c) Name, address, telephone number and state-issued identification card number.

(4) Additional Supporting Documentation. The following information 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 (5) below.

(c) Payment of fee for each buyer for whom a (BID) card is sought.

(5) Information Provided on BID Cards. BID cards issued by the Department will include but are not limited to the following information:

(a) Expiration Date.

(b) Name, business address and license number of the licensed dismantler and parts recycler.

(c) Name, address, state-issued identification card number-of the buyer.

(6) BID Card Verification. Buyers must provide BID cards and state-issued identification cards to be eligible to bid on or buy motor vehicles at a salvage pool or salvage disposal sale. BID cards may be verified electronically through the department's online portal.

(7) Expiration and Revocation of BID Cards. (a) BID cards are valid from October 1 through September 30 of each year and expire when the Alabama automotive dismantler and parts recycler license expires.

(b) 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.

(c) 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 paragraph (2)(b) hereof. BID cards may also be denied issuance or revoked if the applicant or licensee fails or has failed to comply with federal and state salvage and junk vehicle reporting requirements.

(d) If a BID card is lost or damaged, the dismantler may apply for a duplicate card, by completing a new application and paying the fee.

(e) Any changes (i.e. business entity, eligible applicant, address, telephone number) must be reported to the Department. Failure to report such changes may result in the revocation of the BID card(s).

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