



Probate Judges Winter Conference 2010



Legislative Updates

- Legislature started January 12th with more than 600 bills introduced last week
- Motor Vehicle Division maintains a legislative tracking sheet of Motor Vehicle related bills – available to County Officials by email upon request
- Send an email to tags@revenue.alabama.gov if you or any of your staff members would like to be added to the distribution list



Legislative Updates

- HB 78 – Rep. Collier
 - Provides for the issuance of restricted motor vehicle license plates for low speed vehicles and mini-trucks
 - Exempts low speed vehicles and mini-trucks from titling
- HB 149 – Rep. Laird
 - Provides one vehicle license and registration fee exemption for 100 percent permanently disabled veterans
- HB 150 – Rep. Laird
 - Provides one vehicle ad valorem tax, license, and registration fee exemption to veteran who is 100 percent permanently disabled based upon a service connected disability as determined by the Veteran’s Administration



Legislative Updates

- HB 168 – Rep. Martin
 - Permits the owner of vehicle who retained it after a total loss settlement to provide evidence that he or she was the owner prior to the event which caused the salvage title to be issued in lieu of being a licensed rebuilder in order to apply for inspection of the salvage vehicle
- HB 179 – Rep. Thigpen / SB 231 Sen. Means
 - Clarifies the definitions of a new and used vehicles
 - Reduces the motor vehicle title records fee from \$15 to \$5 when the records are provided electronically and establishes a registration record fee of \$5
 - Eliminates the requirement that the license plate issuing official physically inspect utility trailers and motor vehicles not subject to the title law when the motor vehicles have been registered in this state during the current or previous two calendar years



Legislative Updates

- HB 262 – Rep. Laird / SB 254 – Sen. Butler/Mitchell/Orr
 - Requires the Alabama Forestry Commission to prepare a list of members of certified volunteer fire departments who are eligible to receive a firefighter license plate
 - Requires the Firefighters’ Personnel Standards and Education Commission to prepare a list of fire department personnel eligible for a firefighter license plate
 - Lists shall be provided to all license plate issuing officials by December 1 of each year
 - Provides that persons who join a volunteer, paid or part-paid fire department after December 1 of each year may obtain a firefighter license plate by presenting the license plate issuing official with proof of his or her membership in the form of a certificate signed by chief of the department.
 - Provides that a widow or widower of firefighter who dies in the line of duty may receive a free firefighter license plate



Legislative Updates

- HB 296 – Rep. Gibson
 - Provides for a constitutional amendment to change the ad valorem tax rate on motorcycles from 20 percent to 15 percent
- SB 165 – Sen. Keahey/Glover/Brooks
 - Provides for the titling of mini-trucks by exempting them for the requirement that they meet federal safety, emissions and anti-theft standards before they can be titled and subsequently registered



Legislative Updates

- SB 183 – Sen. Holley
 - Provides for a registration fee exemption for one US Armed Forces Retired plate for retired military persons and retired reservists
- SB 205 – Sen. Brooks, Beason, Glover, Poole, Keahey and Pittman / SB 263 - Brooks
 - Provides that surviving spouses of Purple Heart plate recipients can obtain the Purple Heart distinctive military license plate.
 - Provides that Purple Heart plate recipients will be exempt from ad valorem taxes.
 - Provides that Medal of Honor plate recipients and their spouses, Prisoner of War plate recipients and their spouses, and Purple Heart plate recipients and their spouses will be registration fee and ad valorem tax exempt for all MOH, POW, and PH plates they purchase.



Registration Updates

Commitment to Purchase Period December 1, 2009 – November 30, 2010

- Boy Scouts of America
- Light Keepers
- More information may be found at <http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/CtoPNov10.htm>
- Monthly status may be tracked at <http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/mvforms/LOCReport.PDF>





Act 2009-595

Alabama Gold Star Family Distinctive License Plate

- Effective Date: January 1, 2010 (design not yet approved)
- Qualified applicants - any immediate family member of a person who has died while on active duty in any branch of the U.S. military
- Additional fee - \$3.00 year of issuance of metal plate
- May be issued to private passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, and pleasure motor vehicles
- No limit on number of plates that may be obtained
- Act does not provide for personalized plates
- Required documentation:
 - DD Form 2064 - Overseas Death Certificate
 - DD Form 1300 - Report of Casualty; or
 - notarized affidavit from Alabama Gold Star Family organization, certifying applicant's relationship to deceased service member



Act 2009-637

U.S. Marine Corps Distinctive License Plate

- Effective Date: January 1, 2010 (design not yet approved)
- Qualified applicants - active, retired, or honorably discharged members of the U.S. Marine Corps
- *Active* members - \$3.00 when plate is issued
- *Retired/honorably discharged* members - \$25 annual additional fee
- Net proceeds distributed to the Department of Alabama Marine Corps League
- Plates may be issued to private passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, and pleasure motor vehicles
- No limit to number of plates that may be obtained
- Act does not provide for personalized plates
- Disability access plates are available from MVD warehouse
- Documentation required:
 - Military ID; or
 - Leave and Earnings Statement; or
 - DD214

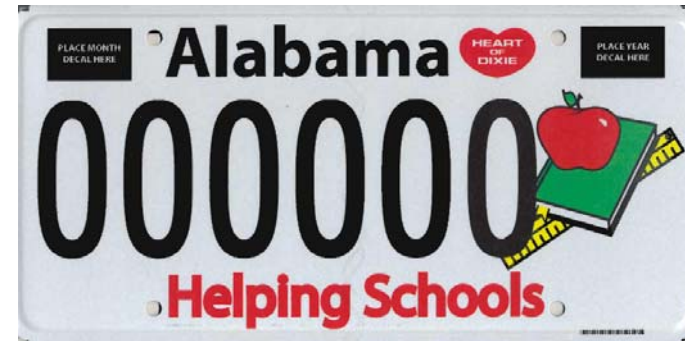
Reissued Distinctive License Plates January 2010

- Children's Trust Fund (now a generic plate)
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Forever Wild



Reissued Distinctive License Plates January 2010 (cont.)

- Helping Schools
- Standard and Disability Access Motorcycle
- Oakwood University





Daily Registration Update Project

- Improve the quality and timeliness of vehicle registration data that is available to law enforcement and licensing officials
- Automate upload process to allow motor vehicle registration data to be uploaded to ALVIS on a nightly basis
- Develop new process to edit for data quality and completeness
- FMCSA grant will provide funding
- Pilot counties have provided test data files
- Need signed agreements from remaining counties
- Anticipated full production date – July 2010.



Title Updates



Act 2009-746

Effective January 1, 2010

- Removes manufactured homes from the Alabama Uniform Certificate of Title and Anti-theft Act and establishes a new chapter for titling manufactured homes (Title 32 Chapter 20)
- Requires manufactured home dealers be licensed by the Alabama Manufactured Housing Commission before they qualify as designated agents to process title applications
- Permits out of state lending institutions to become designated agents. This would allow these institutions to utilize ETAPS to record ownership and security interests on certificates of title



Act 2009-746

Effective January 1, 2010

- Exempts manufactured homes that are more than 20 years old from titling or cancellation requirements
- Creates a new Transaction Code 44
 - Certificate of Cancellation due to affixation to real property - Reference 32-20-20, Code of Alabama 1975
- Adds an additional \$5 fee for Transaction Code 01, 03 & 44 MH applications
 - Paid to the Alabama Housing Foundation
- Removes manufactured homes from salvage title law provisions



Act 2009-746

Effective January 1, 2010

- Standardizes cancellation procedures for certificates of origin and certificates of title to manufactured homes permanently affixed to real property
- Requires that a notice of cancellation for both certificates of origin and certificates of title be signed by an authorized representative of the Judge of Probate's office in the county where the manufactured home is permanently affixed
- Additional information is located at the Motor Vehicle Division's webpage



Contacts

- Please feel free to contact the Motor Vehicle Division any time if you need assistance

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