



Chief Clerks Meeting 2009

Titles



Act 2009-281 Electronic Title Bill

- Effective July 1, 2009
- County memo 2009-18 sent on May 22, 2009.
- Modified the definition of a new vehicle or new manufactured home.
- Requires a fee for all title applications.



Act 2009-281

Electronic Title Bill

- Exempted utility trailers from being titled except for folding or collapsible camping trailers with a year model 1990 and after.
- Eliminated titling exemption for vehicles regularly engaged in the interstate transportation of persons or property for which a currently effective certificate of title has been issued in another state.
- Added an exemption for vehicle currently titled in another state in the name of the owner or operator when the title is held by the recorded lienholder.
- Requires that the county license plate issuing official physically inspect any vehicle not subject to titling prior to registering the vehicle for the first time in an owner's name.



Act 2009-746 Manufactured Home Title Act

- 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.
- Streamlines cancellation procedures for certificates of title to manufactured homes permanently affixed to real property.
- Streamlines procedures for obtaining certificates of title under surety bond when there is an issue regarding ownership rights.

Act 2009-746

Manufactured Home Title Act

- Requires dealers be licensed by the 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

Manufactured Home Title Act

- Exempts manufactured homes that are more than 20 years old from titling requirement.
- Establishes felony and misdemeanor penalties for violation of the act.
- Removes manufactured homes from salvage title law provisions.



Recent ETAPS Enhancements

- Added a link to all motor vehicle forms.
- Eliminated double spaces in data fields.



Future ETAPS Enhancements

- New title snapshot feature which links to ALVIS.
- Internal edit – Recreational Vehicles – year model
- Eliminating Document Tab for new applications