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TO: All County License Plate Issuing Officials
All County Chief Clerks

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SUBJECT: Registration Update: August 2008

Replacement of Lost/Stolen Personalized License Plates

Alabama law provides in Section 32-6-64, Code of Alabama 1975, that the Department of Revenue shall establish a system to minimize the duplication of license plate numbers. This requirement pertains to both pre-numbered and personalized license plates.

When a registrant reports a license plate as lost or stolen and a police report is filed, information is generally entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database which is accessed by law enforcement. Problems have arisen for the affected registrants wherein two (2) personalized plates are valid for the same registration year with the same personalized message. In an effort to alleviate these problems, **effective August 18, 2008**, the Department of Revenue will no longer accept orders for personalized messages that have been reported lost or stolen in the same registration year. This policy will be in force regardless of whether a police report has been filed.

A registrant who wishes to obtain a replacement license plate and pay the \$2.00 replacement fee as provided for in Section 40-12-265, Code of Alabama 1975, has the following options:

1. request a different personalized message on the same tag type as the plate that was lost or stolen; or
2. request a pre-numbered license plate on the same tag type as the plate that was lost or stolen.

If a registrant decides to obtain a license plate from another license plate category, the replacement fee would not apply. Instead, the registrant would be required to pay the annual additional fee associated with the respective license plate category.

Once a registrant's current registration period ends, they may request that their previous message be ordered for the new registration period.

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2009 Temporary Disability Access Placards

The first order of 2009 temporary disability access placards have arrived at the Motor Vehicle Division warehouse and will be shipped to county offices beginning today. The second order of 2009 temporary placards should arrive at the warehouse in the beginning of September and will be shipped to county offices upon receipt.

Should you have questions, please contact the Vehicle Services Section at tags@revenue.alabama.gov .