

810-5-1-.234. Transferring Personalized And Collegiate License Plates; Procedures For Issuance Of A Combined Personalized/Collegiate License Plate And Departmental Responsibilities Therein; Providing For Replacement Tags.

(1) An Alabama resident may obtain a personalized license plate by:

(a) Making application for said plate through the license plate issuing official of his/her county of residency.

(b) Obtaining approval by the Department of the requested license plate message through the license plate issuing official's office of his/her county of residency.

(c) Paying any additional fees provided by law, plus any standard fees due.

(d) Upon approval, the personalized license plate will be manufactured and shipped to the registrant.

(2) In accordance with Section 32-6-64, Code of Alabama 1975, the design of license plates, including all emblems, slogans, symbols, or characters appearing on the plates, shall be by rule as promulgated by the Commissioner of Revenue, and as otherwise specified by law. Therefore, no license plate may be manufactured and issued which contains objectionable language or symbols which are considered by the Department to be offensive to the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

(1)(3) A person to whom a personalized ~~or collegiate~~ license plate has been issued pursuant to §§ 32-6-150, et seq., may elect to surrender said license plate to the Judge of Probate ~~or other~~ license plate issuing official and request either a standard license plate or a distinctive license plate. The issuing official may reissue the ~~surrendered~~ personalized license plate message to another person upon receipt of a letter from the message holder immediately releasing the message and collection of ~~upon collecting~~ the additional fee plus any standard fees due. The issuing official must inform the Department of Revenue by telephone of the reissuance. If the registration for a personalized license plate is not renewed for two (2) consecutive license years, the personalized license plate message may be assigned to another registrant.

(2)(4) In accordance with Section 32-6-154, Code of Alabama 1975, the following type situations, personalized ~~or collegiate~~ license plates may only be transferred in the following situations registrants will not be required to pay the additional fee upon the transfer of the license plate:

(a) In situations where ~~When~~ the vehicle is individually owned and the owner acquires a new vehicle ~~which is to be titled~~:

1. both to the registrant and his/her spouse, or
2. which is titled in the name of the registrant and to another individual.

(b) ~~In cases where~~When there is joint ownership of a vehicle, and the ownership of that vehicle (or a newly acquired vehicle) changes to individual ownership by one of the original vehicle owners parties.

(c) ~~In cases where~~When a vehicle owner trades for another vehicle which is subsequently to be titled in the name of a business which is a single sole proprietorship ~~owned by the original of the vehicle~~ owner.

(d) When the vehicle and license plate are transferred to a spouse or child.

~~(3)~~(5) The term "pleasure motor vehicle", as used in § Sections 32-6-150, ~~as amended,~~ and § 32-6-130, Code of Alabama 1975 as amended, shall include those type vehicles commonly known as "motor homes," but shall not include motorcycles or non-self-propelled vehicles.

~~(4) In accordance with Act 88-127, a four-year college or university electing to participate in the collegiate license plate program may authorize the Department of Revenue, in writing to issue a combination personalized-collegiate license plate. This type of license plate, hereafter referred to as a prestige license plate, will be issued through the county license plate issuing officials upon payment of the additional fee provided under Act 88-127 or subsequent legislation.~~

~~(5) Those four-year colleges or universities authorizing the issuance of a prestige license plate will pay for the manufacturing costs of producing the prestige license plates as determined by the Board of Corrections as provided by Act 88-127. Subsequently the Department of Revenue will bill the participating schools on a monthly basis for the number of prestige license plates ordered to be manufactured.~~

(6) The maximum number of alphanumeric characters permitted on a personalized, ~~collegiate or prestige~~ license plate shall be seven (7), and may be further limited so that alphanumeric characters on a prestige license plate shall not obscure the approved design. ~~Provided, however, that the~~ The Department of Revenue shall reject requests that will result in duplication of a personalized, ~~collegiate or prestige~~ license plate message as provided under Section 32-6-153, Code of Alabama 1975.

(7) Anyone who has ~~either~~ a personalized, ~~collegiate or prestige~~ license plate may elect to change to another ~~personalized, collegiate or prestige~~ license plate category with the same personalized message. If so, the registrant will be required to pay the additional fee as provided under Section §32-6-150, Code of Alabama 1975 as amended, and surrender the current license plate if not expired.

~~(8) An Alabama resident may obtain a personalized or prestige license plate by:~~

~~(a) Making application for said plate through the Judge of Probate or other license plate issuing official of his/her county or residency.~~

~~(b) Obtaining approval by the Department of Revenue of the requested license plate.~~

~~(c) Paying the additional fee provided under '32-6-150, as amended, plus any standard fees due.~~

~~(9)(8) The county license plate issuing official will issue, without charge, a sixty (60) day temporary license plate which shall be displayed until the requested license plate is received.~~

~~(10) In the event a personalized, collegiate or prestige license plate is lost, stolen, damaged or, becomes mutilated, the owner shall make application for replacement and pay the fee required by law for said replacement license plate. The Department of Revenue shall have manufactured a duplicate of the original for shipment to the registrant. In cases of mutilation, the original license plate is must be surrendered to the county license plate issuing official.~~

(9) The license plate issuing official may reissue a personalized license plate that has been revoked upon collecting the standard fee and additional fee as provided under Section 32-6-150, Code of Alabama 1975.

(10) If a personalized license plate message is rejected by the Department, the applicant may submit a request for review in writing to the Department. The denial or revocation of a personalized license plate message by the Department may be appealed by filing a notice of appeal with the Alabama Tax Tribunal pursuant to Section 40-2A-8, Code of Alabama 1975.

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