810-5-1-.230 <u>License Plates for Truck Tractors Limited to Travel within 15 Miles of its Domiciled Corporate Limits.</u>

- (1) In accordance with Section 40-12-248, <u>Code of Alabama 1975</u>, certified motor carriers may purchase a license plate, commonly called "a mule tag" and designated by an "XL" prefix, for truck-tractors or tractors to be operated exclusively within fifteen (15) miles of the incorporated municipality in which it is customarily domiciled.
- (2) The fifteen (15) mile limit is determined by the city limits of the incorporated municipality in which the truck-tractor or tractor is domiciled and not the city limits of a contiguous incorporated municipality.
- (3) When the truck-tractor or tractor is moved or transferred from an incorporated municipality located in one county to an incorporated municipality located in another county, the license plate of the former county must be surrendered to the new county of domicile.
- (4) A temporary tag must be obtained in order to move or relocate a truck-tractor or tractor from the municipality in which the truck-tractor or tractor is presently based. The temporary tag will be issued by the license plate issuing official in accordance with Section 32-6-213, Code of Alabama 1975, in the county in which the truck-tractor or tractor is presently based. The temporary tag is authorization to move or relocate the truck-tractor or tractor outside the fifteen (15) mile limit. The truck-tractor or truck-trailer combination must be unladen when transferred from one municipality to a new location. Upon relocation, the owner or operator must apply in the county of the new situs of the vehicle to the Judge of Probate or License Commissioner or other county official designated by law to register motor vehicles for the exchange of tags before the truck-tractor or tractor is placed into service.
- (5) The Judge of Probate or other county official authorized to issue motor vehicle license tags will issue a replacement license plate bearing the county code number of the new county of domicile without charge except for the issuance fee provided for in Section 40-12-271, <u>Code of Alabama 1975</u>.
- (6) The Judge of Probate or other county official authorized to issue motor vehicle license tags, upon issuance of such replacement tag, shall provide the registration record to the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division in a manner prescribed by the department.

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