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TO: All License Plate Issuing Officials

FROM: Billy R. Phillips, Supervisor *B.R.P.*
Motor Vehicle Division

SUBJECT: Alabama Recreational Tags for Truck-Tractor Conversion Vehicles

The Motor Vehicle Division has recently received correspondence from the Florida Department of Transportation regarding Alabama registrants operating truck tractor-converted recreational vehicles, towing trailers containing race cars in the State of Florida. These vehicles are being used in race car sporting events. In addition, these vehicles are displaying recreational vehicle (RV) license plates, rather than apportioned (X1-X9) license plates. When such vehicles are used in commercial operations, the vehicles must be registered as trucks rather than recreational vehicles. Additionally, a truck tag must be displayed whenever the gross vehicle weight exceeds 42,000 pounds or the trailer hitch has not been removed.

In summary, as long as the truck-tractor conversion vehicle is used in the manner listed below, it may display a recreational vehicle (R1-R6) license plate: The Vehicle is:

- ▶ **Used for Non-Commercial Purposes; and**
- ▶ **Trailer hitch has been removed; and**
- ▶ **Gross Vehicle Weight does not exceed 42,000 pounds**

It is recommended that if a registrant is seeking to register a truck-tractor conversion vehicle, the issuing official should inquire as to the designed purpose of the vehicle before issuing a recreational vehicle (R1-R6) license plate.

If you should have any questions, or need any additional information, please feel free to contact the Vehicle Services Section at (334) 242-9006.