

Alabama Department of Revenue

News Release

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September 2011 Motor Vehicle Registration Deadline Extended

Montgomery—The Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) announced today that the September 2011 motor vehicle registration deadline has been extended through October 20, 2011, for vehicle owners.

Alabama vehicle owners, whose registration month is September, will not be subject to delinquent penalties for late vehicle registration or delinquent penalty and interest charges for late payment of vehicle property tax, provided the registrations are completed during the extension period which runs through Oct. 20, 2011.

The September registration renewal extension also applies to individuals who have recently purchased or otherwise acquired a vehicle, but have not registered their newly-acquired vehicle within the 20-day registration period. This affects vehicles purchased or otherwise acquired, whereby the 20-day registration requirement falls during the month of September 2011.

The extension does not apply to motor vehicle registrations and renewals for commercial vehicles registered pursuant to the International Registration Plan (IRP). The extension does, however, apply to the payment of property taxes on IRP vehicles.

On Sept. 28, 2011, U.S. District Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn issued a ruling upholding sections of Alabama's immigration law which require proof of citizenship or lawful presence before applying for an Alabama license plate and conducting related motor vehicle registration and certificate of title transactions.

NOTE: A copy of the Oct. 4, 2011, motor vehicle registration and motor vehicle property tax extension order is attached.

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Due to the extreme hardships placed on Alabama motor vehicle registrants, who could not register or renew their motor vehicle registrations or pay property taxes on their motor vehicles during the month of September 2011 due to technical difficulties associated with implementation of Act 2011-535, known as the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, under the power granted to me by §40-2-11, Code of Alabama 1975, I hereby issue the following order:

GENERAL RULE

(a) EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RENEWING SEPTEMBER 2011 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON VEHICLES. For the purposes of applying Alabama's motor vehicle registration laws and property tax laws as related to the annual registration renewal of vehicles during the month of September 2011, the registration deadline has been extended through October 20, 2011, without payment of penalty for vehicle owners. Additionally, when paying delinquent property taxes on vehicles, interest charges are waived.

This extension includes the registration of vehicles purchased or otherwise acquired whereby the 20-day registration requirement as provided for in §32-6-61, Code of Alabama 1975, falls during the month of September 2011. The extension does not apply to motor vehicle registrations and renewals for vehicles registered pursuant to the International Registration Plan (IRP). These vehicles owners are required to pay all registration fees to the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, during the assigned registration month. The extension does, however, apply to the payment of property taxes on IRP vehicles.


(b) PENALTY CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH RENEWING SEPTEMBER 2011 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON VEHICLES. Penalty charges associated with motor vehicle registrations and renewals extended through October 20, 2011, will not be charged until October 21, 2011. Additionally, penalty and interest charges associated with motor vehicle property tax payments extended through October 20, 2011, will not be charged until October 21, 2011.

Entered this 4th day of October, 2011

SIGNED


Julie P. Magee, Commissioner
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ATTEST


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