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Changes in Motor Vehicle Registration Procedures for New Owners; Increased Delinquent Penalty Effective Aug. 1

Montgomery—Legislation passed during the 2004 session allows vehicle owners additional time to register vehicles they purchase, but also brings stiffer penalties for delinquent registrations, according to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Act 2004-529, effective Aug. 1, 2004, extends the number of days vehicle owners have to register their newly acquired vehicles from 10 calendar days to 20 calendar days. After 20 days, delinquent penalty and interest charges apply. Current law allows 10 days.

Act 2004-529 also increases the registration delinquency penalty from \$10 to \$15, effective Aug. 1, 2004.

Because of changes made in the delinquent penalty amount and registration period, effective Aug. 1, new and used car dealers will also be required to update bills of sale information provided to purchasers. Alabama law requires dealers to provide vehicle purchasers with a legal bill of sale containing a statement detailing the required registration timeframe and penalty consequences for non-compliance.

For more information concerning Alabama motor vehicle registration requirements, contact the department's Motor Vehicle Division at (334) 242-9000.

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