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Newman Named State Motor Vehicle Division Director

Montgomery—State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees announced the appointment of Johnny Newman as director of the Alabama Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division, effective Oct. 3, 2005.

As director of the Motor Vehicle Division, Newman has the responsibility of overseeing the issuance of approximately 1.5 million certificates of titles and the registration of over four million vehicles annually. In addition, the Motor Vehicle Division is responsible for administering provisions of the International Registration Plan and the International Fuel Tax Agreement as they relate to interstate motor carriers, as well as certain enforcement provisions related to the state's mandatory liability insurance law involving private and commercial vehicles' registration status.

Newman began his career with the Revenue Department in 1969 as an administrative trainee assigned to the Motor Vehicle Division. Throughout his 36-year career with the department's Motor Vehicle Division, Newman has held various supervisory posts within the division. In 1998, he was named assistant division director of the Motor Vehicle Division and has served in that position until his appointment as director.

"Johnny brings years of valuable experience to the post of director, working his way through the ranks. His experience and knowledge have made him a valuable asset to the operations of the Motor Vehicle Division. We welcome Johnny to our senior management team," said Commissioner Surtees.

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