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## MEMORANDUM

**2018-012**

**TO:** License Plate Issuing Officials

**FROM:** Jonathan A. Lawrence, Registration Manager  
Motor Vehicle Division

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Updates and New/Redesigned Distinctive License Plates for Issuance  
Beginning January 1, 2019

The University of Alabama at Birmingham license plates have been redesigned and will be available for issuance beginning January 1, 2019. A shipment of plates has been ordered for each licensing office based on the number of current registrations. **Please note personalized and pre-numbered plates may be ordered on the Plate Reservation and Ordering System (PROS) and additional bulk orders for pre-numbered plates may be ordered using the Alabama Inventory Management System (AIMS) beginning January 1, 2019.** At that time, please remember to remove all license plates with the old design from your shelves and retain them for audit purposes.

Beginning January 1, 2019, there will be a new distinctive license plate category for Auburn University at Montgomery. A shipment of plates has been ordered for some licensing offices. **Please note personalized and pre-numbered plates may be ordered on the Plate Reservation and Ordering System (PROS) and additional bulk orders for pre-numbered plates may be ordered using the Alabama Inventory Management System (AIMS) beginning January 1, 2019.**

As a follow up to Memo 2018-005 regarding legislative changes under Act 2018-190, please note the following changes:

- PROS has been updated to include authorization language;
- Tag Precommitment has been updated to include the authorization language; and
- The State Registration System has been updated to include the owner's consent

Licensing officials should collect the vehicle owner's consent to release their name, address, and email address (if available) to the sponsoring organization, college, or university, and include the owner's consent in the vehicle registration record.

The tag numbering schemes for the license plates and updated fields for the registration file format may be found on the Motor Vehicle Division website at <https://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle/> under "Reference & Statistics" then "Registration File Information".

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Motor Vehicle Division at (334) 242-9000.