AATA Mid-Winter Conference

February 8, 2021
2021 Legislative Session

• Began February 2nd
• MVD legislation tracking
Revenue Commissioner Order

• Issued: January 5, 2021
• Waives penalties for late registration if county office was closed at any time during the month the registration was due
• Includes surrendering tag for MLI
• Extends time period until the subsequent month
• Good through June 30, 2021
Gas Tax Update

• Act 2019-2 (Effective: January 1, 2020)
• Provides for an annual additional registration fee for plug-in hybrid and battery electric vehicles
• Comptroller’s memo dated August 7, 2020 directs licensing offices to begin distribution of fees beginning September 1, 2020
  – Memo on MVD website under Reference & Statistics: Comptroller Distribution Information
Rescue Squad Trailers

- H118 & S114
- Utility trailers owned by volunteer rescue squads exempt from registration fees and ad valorem taxes
- UT tag
Veterans of Cold War

• HB195 – Brown (K)
• Distinctive tag for veterans of the cold war serving from September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991
• Passenger or pleasure motor vehicle
• $3 additional fee for initial issuance
• May be personalized for $50
• Effective 1\textsuperscript{st} day of 3\textsuperscript{rd} month following passage
Additional Firefighter Tag Fee

• H77 & S156

• Increases fee from $.25 to $1 for firefighter license plates

• Distribution of proceeds:
  – $.50 to AL Joint Fire Council for firefighter memorial
  – $.50 to AL Fire College

• Effective: January 1, 2022
Disabled Veteran Issuance Fee

- H78
- Exemption for disabled veterans from $1.25 issuance fee
- Effective: January 1, 2022
Dealer License Plates

- H96, H104 & S28
- Effective: October 1, 2021
- Increases number of dealer license plates that can be obtained by a licensed used vehicle dealer from 5 to 10 plates
Transporters

- H221
- Manufacturers and transporters, including boat manufacturers and transporters, may obtain temporary tags
- Issued by DOR
- Vehicles transported between manufacturers, distributors, dealers or persons
- Required to be bonded ($50K)
- Defines "self-propelled campers or house cars", to include motor homes, mobile homes or recreational vehicles, and "transporter"
Electric Bicycles

- H99
- Exempts electric bicycles from titling, insurance and registration
- Effective: 1\textsuperscript{st} day of 3\textsuperscript{rd} month following passage
Low Speed Vehicles

• S112
• Lowers electric vehicle fee for LSVs to $50
• Current fee (40-12-242):
  – Battery electric $200
  – Plug in hybrid electric $100
• Effective: January 1, 2022
Farm and Forest Products Tags

• Proposed bill to amend Section 40-12-248
• Remove limitation on F4 tags for farmer
• Create new weight classification for Forest Product tag
  – L3 trucks over 42K lbs.
  – L4 truck tractors over 42K lbs.
• Remove “affidavit” requirement for GVW declaration
• Change X5 weight class to 42,001 – 55,000
LOC Oversight of Distinctive Tags

- Proposed legislation to amend Section 32-6-64
- Requires LOC oversight of all distinctive tags, other than in-state collegiate/university and military/veteran plates, before reissuance
- Initial application fee equal to cost of preparing plate template but not exceeding $100
- Allows DOR to include county indicator on validation decals instead of tag
- Allows DOR to require recertification for certain military/veteran tags every 5 years.
  - DD214 or other document prescribed by law or rule
  - Certification from Department of Veterans’ Affairs
Title Modernization Act

- H163 & S198
- Waive witness and notarization requirements on title application
- Eliminate 15-day hold on issuance of replacement titles when title can be verified through NMVTIS
- Authorize DOR to collect DA commission ($1.50) for processing title applications
Disability Access Parking

• S187
• Amends 32-6-233
• Specifies that violations are punishable by 6 months in jail and $3,000 fine
• Effective 1\textsuperscript{st} day of the 3\textsuperscript{rd} month following passage
Federal Odometer Law

• National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Rule RIN 2127-AL39
• Effective January 1, 2021
• Allows electronic signatures on title documents
• Extends odometer certifications from 10 to 20 year model vehicles
• Affects 2011 and newer year models
Title Rule Updates

- **Rule 810-5-75-.40**
  - Allows electronic signatures on title documents

- **Rule 810-5-75-.55**
  - Updated vehicle inspection procedures and Form MVT 5-9

- **Rule 810-5-75-.36**
  - Requires bill of sale with transfer applications
  - Applies to all retail and casual sales
  - OOS Titles which includes BOS information is acceptable for casual sales only
  - Rule 810-5-1-.246 BOS minimum requirements for retail sales
Title Document Upload

• **Allows electronic submission of title packages**
  – DA must stamp SURRENDERED on face of title
  – DA must maintain original documents for one (1) year &
    electronically for additional four (4) years – 5 years total

• **Two types of document upload**
  – Batch upload via SFTP – Available Oct. 2020
  – Per application in ALTS - Available Feb. 2021

• **Benefits**
  – Eliminates mail processing costs
  – Eliminates lost paperwork
  – Eliminates mail processing time
Title Document Upload

• Document Prep Order For Scanning does not change
  • Title application or resubmission letter should be first document
• Recommended daily with normal reconciliation process
• Currently 23 counties participating
• Contact your system vendor or MVD if you have questions
Title Document Upload

- Individual Upload Process
  - Allows DA’s to electronically upload title application packages within ALTS
  - Images may be multi-page PDF or 200 DPI multi-page bi-tonal TIFF

- DA’s may upload Documents through:
  - Common Actions on ALTS Home Page
  - Submission Screen
  - Actions Tab or Menu
  - Application Information Page
  - Rejection Page
NMVTIS Integration

• NMVTIS Webservice
  • Validate out of state title information
  • Verify liens
  • Check for Brands (i.e. Junk, Salvage, Rebuilt, etc.)
  • Stolen Vehicle Check

• Proposed implementation date: 5/1/2021
• Will be used as pre-Qualifier in ALTS, SCRAP, Surety Bond, and Unclaimed Portals
Electronic Lien & Title (ELT)

- Electronic signatures - done
- Title document upload - ongoing
- NMVTIS integration – May 2021
- Record and release liens electronically – Fall 2021
- Manufacturer statement of origin – Spring 2022
- Dealer transfers – Summer 2022
Public Title Portal

• Link on MVD webpage and MVTRIP dashboard
  • Replacements
  • Title application status
  • Bad address
  • Lien filing/release

• Non-DAs can apply, submit (pay), sign, and upload documents

• Discard paper MVT 12-1 application and update links on websites
Dealer License Plates

- Effective October 1, 2020, DOR responsible for issuing dealer and manufacturer tags
- DOR also issues 20-day temporary tags to Dealer
- Link to application in Motor Vehicle License system
- Dealer Transit tag is no longer available
- Dealer must provide county privilege license before tag is issued
Dealer License Plates

• Dealer may obtain “standard” tags
• Dealer must present ownership documents (MSO or reassigned title)
• Vehicle must be in dealer inventory
• Vehicle must be “inspected”
• Licensing official cannot collect ad valorem or sales tax on vehicle in dealer inventory
Privilege License File

- State regulatory license must be provided before privilege license is issued
- Upload privilege license file to MVD SFTP site each business day
- MVD will verify the issuance of a county business privilege license prior to the issuance of dealer tag or offsite sale license
- Revised file format provided to counties and system vendors on 1/22/2021
Dealer License

• No more wholesale only dealers
• No person, except a licensed dealer, may sell vehicle without title reflecting person as owner
• Dealer must have offsite license to sell vehicles at offsite locations
• Must obtain offsite license 10 days prior to sale
• Offsite sale facilitator (i.e. credit union) must have offsite sales facilitator license
Auction License

• Issued to any person buying, selling, exchanging or facilitating the sale of vehicles at wholesale to licensed dealers

• Licensed and bonded similar to designated agent

• DOR may request report of sales
License Compliance

• Report violations to MVD
• MVD will investigate
• Can work with local license inspector
• May revoke license, designated agent and make claim against surety bond
• Civil penalty for dealer tag violation - $200
• Penalty for failure to obtain license - $500 for 1st offense and $1,000 for 2nd or subsequent offense
Title Service Provider

- Any person or entity who acts as an agent for a licensed dealer
- Must be bonded like designated agent
- Designated agent cannot do work for another designated agent
- Application package on MVD website
- Notify MVD of anyone in your county acting as unregistered title service provider
Online Training

• MVD online training courses for:
  • Dealers/designated agents
  • Licensing Offices
  • IRP/IFTA registrants

• Will use MVTRIP login
• MVD may require all users to take courses
• Provides certification
Fleet Online Registration & Tax (FORT)

• Act 2019-129 (Effective: May 8, 2019)
• Establish Advisory Committee – met during 2020. Vendor has been chosen.
• DOR portal to allow registration and renewal of fleet vehicles (January 1, 2022)
• Fleet – 50 or more vehicles less than 12,000 lbs.
• DOR will calculate ad valorem tax and issue “fleet” license plate
• DOR rule making authority to expand to other vehicles (i.e. IRP)
POD Decals

• Elimination of 3 color (red, green, yellow) rotation
• Using 1 color (yellow) beginning in 2022 license year and moving forward
• Saves money and helps solve some of the POD inventory problems
Tag Receipt Redesign

• MVD working with licensing officials to redesign the registration receipt
• Must provide enough space to reflect any and all fees collected by counties
• Considering adding a barcode to the receipt
• Reviewing other states’ receipts
Disposal of Unused Material

• Per Examiners of Public Accounts - excess POD materials may be destroyed in the same manner as any damaged or misprinted materials if adequately documented for audit purposes

• Disposal of surrendered and unissued tags once audited
  – Contact MVD to schedule ACI pick-up
Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

- Rule 810-5-1-.233
- IRS stamped schedule 1 form 2290
- Schedule 1 with eFile watermark
- Schedule 1 and one of the following:
  - Photocopy of both sides of cancelled check
  - Bank statement indicating amount of tax paid
  - Electronic acknowledgment indicating a payment of tax
  - IRS printout of the taxpayer’s account showing the amount of tax paid
Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

- Webservice to allow registration systems to electronically verify FHVUT on vehicles
- MOA with IRS service providers
- Registrants who eFile 2290
- Other states
- Implementation date – May 2021
ALVerify

- DOR executed MOA with ALEA
- Deceased driver flag added to the ALVerify webservice
- Use when ALVerify is normally used
- Goal is to eliminate issuance of registrations to deceased individuals
Standard License Plate

- Issuance beginning 2022
Bicentennial License Plate

- Should no longer be issued
Registration of LSVs

• Rule 810-5-1-.238
• Effective: September 14, 2020
Residency Requirements

• Rule 810-5-1-.479 adopted 9/14/2020
• Official entitled to make a reasonable investigation into facts (Form MVR-15)
• Evidence
  – County where person is registered to vote
  – Where person is issued driver’s license or ID
  – Where person’s children attend school
  – Where person works
  – Where person claims homestead exemption
Motor Vehicle Record Requests

• Rule 810-5-1-.485
• Effective: Sept. 14, 2020
• Official vehicle records must be requested through the MVD records portal
• MVD records portal: https://recordsrequest.mvtrip.alabama.gov/
Mandatory Liability Insurance

- DOR no longer accepts reinstatements or processes revocations
- New MLI call center
- MLI Online Webinar Trainings
  - 400+ attendees
  - Included presentation, system demonstration, and Q&A session
  - Recorded presentation and Q&A document available on division website
MVD Job Announcement

• Full time or part time employment
  – Retired state employee
  – Administrative Support Assistant I or II

• Telecommute (work from home)
MVD Notifications

• MVTRIP
  – Must have MVTRIP (CAPSlock) account
  – Each user should have their own email address
  – Memos, announcements, orders, etc.

• MVD administrative rule hearings
  – Sign up on DOR website to receive notices
  – Must review rules every 5 years
  – Rules on MVD website
Contact Us

- Telephone number: (334) 242-9000
- DOR Help Center: contact.revenue.alabama.gov
- Includes FAQs
- MVD staff should identify themselves
- Report any issues to MVD management