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2021 Legislative Session

- Began February 2nd
- MVD legislation tracking
 - <https://revenue.alabama.gov/motor-vehicle/reference-statistics/legislative-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 1st day of 3rd 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: 1st day of 3rd 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 1st day of the 3rd 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, designate 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



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Standard License Plate

- Issuance beginning 2022





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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