

**AATA Summer  
Conference  
June 2023**

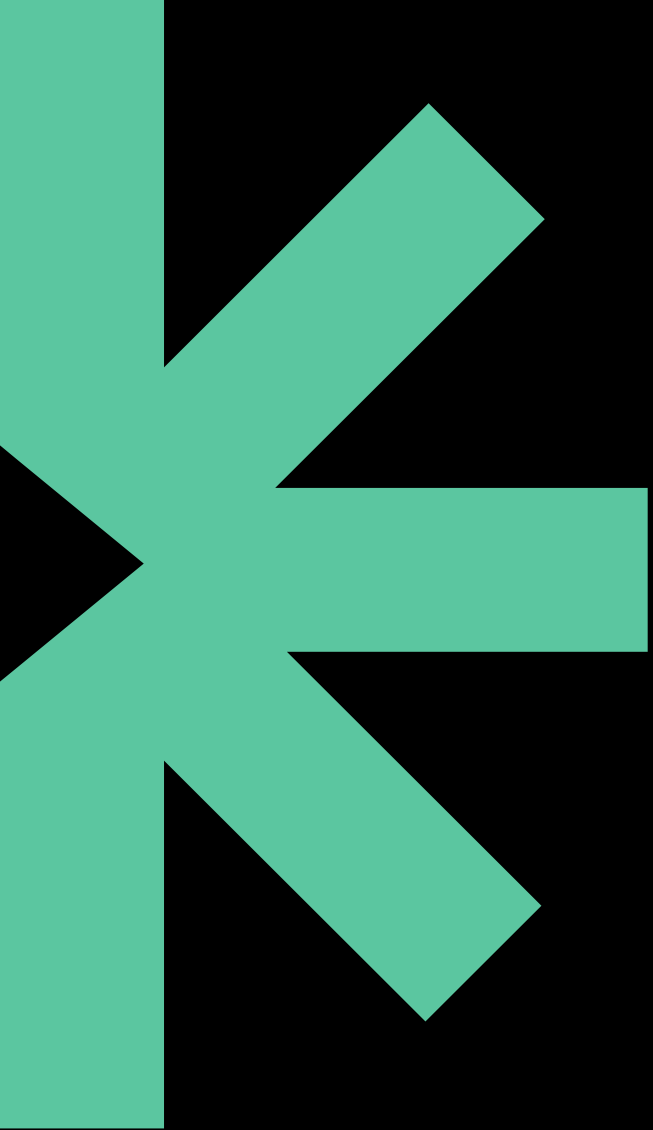
# MVD Org Structure

- MVD Admin
  - Jonathan Lawrence, Director
  - Lisa Blankenship, Title/Licensing Manager
  - David Baxley, Registration Manager



# MVD Registration Org Structure

- Registration Section
  - Troy Thigpen, Registration Manager
  - Renee Kyser, Audit Manager
  - Trishawn Bell, Motor Carrier Services Supervisor
  - Lakeyshee Snow, Registration Supervisor
- Title Section
  - Leslie Mackey, Manager
- Dealer License & Compliance
  - Maetasha Mitchell, Manager



# Registration Updates

# Legislative Act 2019-2

- Effective January 1, 2020
- Increased registration fee for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles
- On July 1, 2023 and every fourth year thereafter, the additional license tax and registration fee specified in the act shall increase by \$3.00 (Memo 2023-002)



# Legislative Act 2019-350

- Amends Chapter 23, Code of Ala. 1975
- Provides for the enforcement of toll violations through the non-renewal of a vehicle's registration
- Toll authority notifies licensing official regarding registration "hold"
- Owner may appeal to district court (temporary tag may be issued)
- Effective: January 1, 2024



# Legislative Act 2023-230

- Amends Section 32-6-281 to allow for distribution of Emergency Medical Services license plate to be split between the Alabama Association of Ambulance Services and the Alabama Emergency Medical Services Association
- Effective: January 1, 2024



# HB 211

- Amends Sections 32-6-250 and 32-6-251 to create the Air Medal distinctive license plate
- Same additional annual fee (\$25) as other military plates in this category
- Effective: January 1, 2024





# Legislative Act 2023-162

- Provides for the issuance of a distinctive license plate to benefit brain cancer research
- Not subject to Legislative Oversight Committee standards (no precommitment)
- Effective: January 1, 2024

# HB 366

- Amends Section 32-6-650 to allow for the United States Marine Corps and the United States Space Force to be added to the list of service branches for which a distinctive military license plate is available
- Repeals Section 32-6-640 (Alabama Marine Corps League license plate)
- Effective: January 1, 2024



# Legislative Act 2023-405

- Amends Section 32-6-55 to allow former and current chairs of the USS Alabama Battleship Commission to be issued the USS Alabama distinctive license plate
- Currently only issued to current chair
- Commission must annually certify to the Department of Revenue a list of eligible individuals
- Effective: January 1, 2024



# Legislative Act 2023-127

- Amends Section 32-7A-5 to provide an exception to MLI allowing an individual on active military duty, who is required to reside in another state, by purchasing liability coverage in the state where residing in an amount equal to or greater than the minimum amount required in Alabama
- Effective: January 1, 2024



# SB 312

- Amends Sections 32-7A-5 and 32-7A-16 to provide exceptions for stored or inoperable motor vehicles and to prohibit the continued operation of a vehicle in violation of registration and insurance requirements
- Removes license plate surrender requirement
- Harsher penalties for failure to provide evidence of registration and insurance
- Effective: January 1, 2024

# License Plate Redesigns

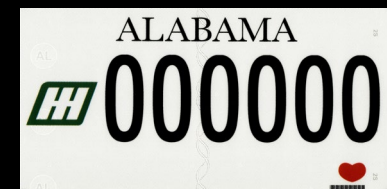
## 8/1/2023

- University of West Alabama-
- University of North Alabama-
- Samford University-
- University of Montevallo-



# License Plate Designs Being Retained

- Autism Acceptance
- Huntsville Hospital
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Environmental



Note: All reissued license plates are being moved to the generic numbering scheme



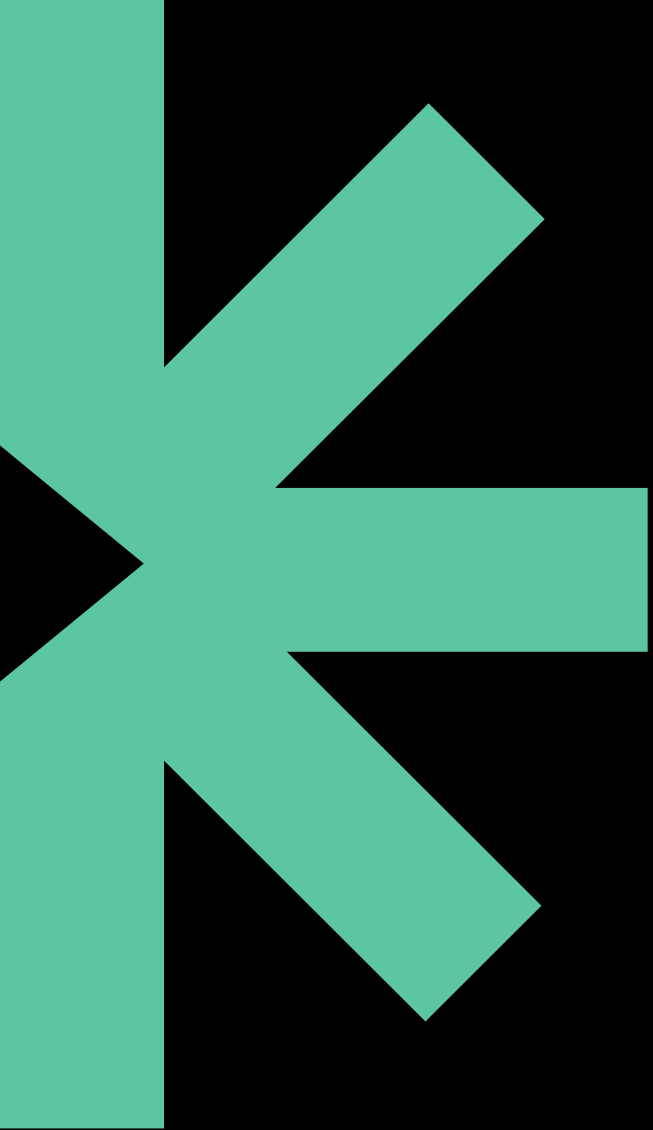
# POD Registration Decals

- Discontinuing yellow color decals and going back to three (3) color rotation
- 2024 decals will be green
- First shipment should arrive in December



# Government Tag Portal

- Rolled out in March 2023
- Allows for government agencies (cities, counties, state, PUDs and VFDs) to electronically submit applications and payment for government tags
- Eliminates the current paper process
- Vehicles owned by law enforcement agencies must be properly titled and registered with government tag before they are eligible for undercover tags (Rule 810-5-1-.212)



# Title Updates



# Legislation

## ACT 2022-144

- Vessels over 18 feet and under 26 feet, constructed after December 31, 2023, must obtain a certificate of title issued by ADOR.
- Owners of vessels greater than 26 feet may voluntarily apply for title.
- Effective: January 1, 2024



# Vessels

## ACT 2022-144

- Application fee \$25
  - \$5 local licensing official
  - \$20 general fund
- Administrative Rules
  - Designated Agents
  - Application Guidelines

# Vessels

Admin Rule 810-5-75-.52-

Designated Agent Appointments

- Amended to allow vessel dealers to become designated agents

[https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/ultraviewer/viewer/basic\\_viewer/index.html?form=2022/08/Non-Dealer-App-for-DA-1-1.pdf](https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/ultraviewer/viewer/basic_viewer/index.html?form=2022/08/Non-Dealer-App-for-DA-1-1.pdf)

Admin Rule 810-5-75-.36-

Responsibilities of Designated Agents

- Amended to include vessels
- VIN and HIN verification
- Form MVT 5-9 revised



# Vessels

Definition:

Any watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water except:

- Seaplane
- Amphibious vehicle
- Vessels that are less than 18 feet in length that are propelled solely by: sail, paddle, oar or engine of less than 75 horsepower
- Watercraft that operates only on a permanently fixed manufactured course and the movement of which is restricted or guided by means of a mechanical device to which the watercraft is attached or by which the watercraft is controlled

# Vessels

- Stationary floating structure that:
  - does not have and is not designed to have a mode of propulsion of its own
  - is dependent for utilities upon a continuous utility hookup to a source originating on shore; and
  - has a permanent, continuous hookup to a shoreside sewage system; ie. houseboat tied to shore
- Watercraft owned by the United States, a state, or a foreign government or a political subdivision of any of them
- Watercraft used solely as a lifeboat on another watercraft.



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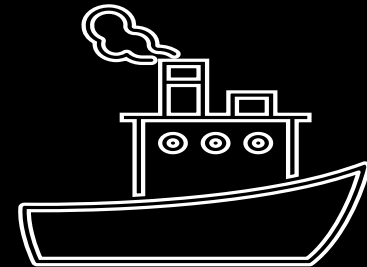
## Exemptions:

- a documented vessel
- a foreign-documented vessel
- a barge
- a vessel before delivery if the vessel is under construction or completed pursuant to contract; or
- a vessel held by a dealer for sale or lease, even if the vessel is used for demonstration purposes or loaned out for use by the dealer.
- a vessel which construction has been completed as of 12/31/2023 -26 feet or more in length and where AL is the state of principal use on or after 1/1/2024 may voluntarily apply for title in AL

# Vessels

ALEA will still handle:

- Registrations
- Assign hull identification number (HIN)
- Rebuilt inspections
- Abandoned Vessels





# NMVTIS Update

- NMVTIS Webservice
  - Validate out of state title information
  - Verify liens (when available)
  - Check for Brands (i.e. Junk, Salvage, Rebuilt, etc.)
  - NICB Stolen Vehicle Check
- NMVTIS Help desk

# Quality Control

- Auto-approved applications
- Compliance review
- Notice regarding any areas of noncompliance
- Possible title revocations
- Dealer license revocations



# Master Dealer Regulatory License

- Renewals begin August
- Documents must be uploaded
- Search status of license
- New Call Group (242-9000, Opt. 5)





# Dealer License Plates

- Link to tag application in Motor Vehicle License system
- Privilege license must be verified before issuance
  - Dealer must provide privilege license or
  - MVD must verify through privilege license file provided by county each day

# Questions

