ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 810-5-8
MANDATORY LIABILITY INSURANCE

810-5-8-.06 Mandatory Liability Insurance Registration Suspension, Reinstatement, And Revocation Procedures.

(1) The department shall suspend a vehicle registration in accordance with §32-7A-12, Code of Ala. 1975, and electronically provide a current list of suspended registrations to local licensing officials authorized to collect Mandatory Liability Insurance (MLI) reinstatement fees. Local licensing officials may not register, renew, or transfer a registration appearing on the list of suspended registrations until the registration is reinstated in accordance with §32-7A-12 and §32-7A-17, Code of Ala. 1975.

(2) Reinstatement of Suspended Registrations.

(a) If the vehicle was not insured on the insurance verification date, as described in §32-7A-7, Code of Ala. 1975, the registrant must apply to their local licensing official to reinstate the registration upon payment of the reinstatement fee required under §32-7A-12, Code of Ala. 1975, and provide evidence of current insurance coverage in accordance with §32-7A-17, Code of Ala. 1975.

(b) If the vehicle was insured on the insurance verification date, the registrant must apply to their local licensing official to reinstate the registration without payment of a reinstatement fee by providing evidence of insurance coverage on the insurance verification date in accordance with §32-7A-12, Code of Ala. 1975.

(c) Evidence of insurance is acceptable in a name other than the registered owner name(s) if the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the motor vehicle and on the evidence of insurance match.

(d) Upon reinstatement, the local licensing official shall, upon request by the registrant, provide the registrant with a Notice of Registration Reinstatement Receipt. The Notice of Registration Reinstatement Receipt is valid thirty (30) calendar days from the date of issuance and provides the registrant or driver of the vehicle with proof of registration reinstatement and compliance with the MLI law for the vehicle. The Registration Reinstatement Receipt is not acceptable as a substitute for an Alabama Motor Vehicle Registration Tag and

Tax Receipt. Any erasures or other alterations of the information on the receipt will render it void.

(e) Local licensing officials shall deny registration for a vehicle when the registrant attempts to avoid the registration suspension and payment of reinstatement fees through transfer of vehicle ownership to a spouse or dependent, or to another entity for which the registrant has an ownership interest.

(f) Reinstatement fees collected by local licensing officials less the amount to be retained by the local licensing official as provided by §32-7A-12, Code of Ala. 1975, must be remitted to the State Comptroller on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the month following the month that the reinstatement fees were collected.

(3) Exemption from the Reinstatement Fee. A registrant may claim the stored, inoperable, or otherwise unused exemption from the reinstatement fee, as provided under §§32-7A-5 and 32-7A-11, Code of Ala. 1975, once during a registration period by applying to the local licensing official to revoke the vehicle's registration for the remainder of the registration period and be exempted from the registration reinstatement fee. Failure to comply with all requirements of this paragraph, will result in suspension of the registration and require payment of the reinstatement fee.

(a) Upon meeting the requirements of paragraph (3), the local licensing official will revoke the registration for the remainder of the registration period and exempt the registrant from the registration reinstatement fee. The licensing official must include the revocation record in the data uploaded to the state registration database.

(b) In the event the vehicle is no longer stored or inoperable, a new registration and license plate must be obtained prior to operating the vehicle. Registration fees will be due; however, no reinstatement fee will be required.

(c) In order to obtain a new license plate/registration, in accordance with administrative rule 810-5-1-.244, the registrant must provide evidence of the vehicle's non-use to the licensing official prior to re-registering the vehicle. Failure to provide acceptable evidence of non-use will result in the suspension of the vehicle registration.

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