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**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR APA RULE  
(Section 41-22-23(f))**

Control No. 810 Department or Agency REVENUE

Rule No: **810-5-1-.204**

Rule Title: **Placement of Motor Vehicle License Tags on Certain Motor Vehicles**

New  Amend  Repeal  Adopt by Reference

This rule has no economic impact.

This rule has an economic impact, as explained below:

1. NEED/EXPECTED BENEFIT OF RULE:
2. COSTS/BENEFITS OF RULE AND WHY RULE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND FEASIBLE MEANS FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES AND ACHIEVING THE STATED PURPOSE:
3. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COMPETITION:
4. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON COST OF LIVING AND DOING BUSINESS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
5. EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE RULE IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:
6. SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTING AND ENFORCING THIS RULE:
7. THE SHORT-TERM/LONG-TERM ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THIS RULE ON AFFECTED PERSONS, INCLUDING ANALYSIS OF PERSONS WHO WILL BEAR THE COSTS AND THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE RULE:
8. UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTIMATED BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF THE RULE, INCLUDING QUALITATIVE/QUANTITATIVE BENEFITS AND BURDEN COMPARISON:

9. THE EFFECT OF THIS RULE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH:
10. DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED:
11. OTHER COMMENTS:

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**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
**Motor Vehicle Division**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**RULE NO. & TITLE**

810-5-1-.204                      Placement of Motor Vehicle License Tags on Certain Motor Vehicles

**INTENDED ACTION:**        Amend an existing rule

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The department proposes to amend the above rule to allow the placement of license plates on the front of a truck or truck-tractor when a license plate cannot be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. In addition, the rule is being amended to remove obsolete language.

**RULE NO. & TITLE**

810-5-1-.205                      Temporary Tags - Authorized Uses

**INTENDED ACTION:**        Repeal an existing rule

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The department proposes to repeal the above rule due to the fact that the provisions of the rule is included in administrative rules 810-5-1-.227 and 810-5-1-.228.

**RULE NO. & TITLE**

810-5-1-.224                      Fee Requirement for Certain Special Tags

**INTENDED ACTION:**        Repeal an existing rule

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The department proposes to repeal the above rule due to the fact that the provisions of the existing rule is included in other administrative rules as well as the Code of Alabama 1975.

**RULE NO. & TITLE**

810-5-1-.227                      The Issuance of Temporary License Tags/Registration Certificates by Dealers or Manufacturers of Mobile Homes, Trailer Coaches, Travel Trailers or House Trailers, and by Dealers Appointed by the

Department of Revenue as Designated Agents (Other than Probate Judges).

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend an existing rule

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The department proposes to amend the above rule to include the provisions of administrative rule 810-5-1-.227.05, which is being repealed. In addition, the department proposes to amend the title of the rule.

**RULE NO. & TITLE**

810-5-1-.227.05                      Financial Institutions Issuance of Temporary License Tags/Registration Certificates

**INTENDED ACTION:** Repeal an existing rule

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The department proposes to repeal the above rule due to the fact that the provisions of the rule has been added to administrative rule 810-5-1-.227.

**RULE NO. & TITLE**

810-5-1-.228                      The Issuance of Temporary License Tags/Registration Certificates by the Judge of Probate or Other County Official Authorized to Issue Motor Vehicle License Tags.

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend an existing rule

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The department proposes amend the above rule to include temporary tag receipt requirements.

**RULE NO. & TITLE**

810-5-1-.240                      Permanent Trailer License Plates

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend an existing rule

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The department proposes amend the above rule to remove obsolete language and to allow licensing officials to revoke a permanent trailer registration in the local and state registration databases when the permanent trailer license plate is surrendered, in lieu of submitting a form to the department.

**RULE NO. & TITLE**

810-5-1-.400                      Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) Program Adopted in Alabama

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend an existing rule.

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The department proposes amend the above rule to reflect changes that were made to the Performance & Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) Program.

**RULE NO. & TITLE**

810-5-75-.31.02 Abandoned Motor Vehicle Record Request (Form MVT 32-13).

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend an existing rule

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The department proposes amend the above rule to allow an authorized representative of a person or firm in possession of an abandoned motor vehicle to provide written notice to the current owner, secured parties and lienholder regarding the planned sale of the vehicle. In addition, this rule is further amended to allow an Abandoned Motor Vehicle Record Request (MVT 32-13) to be submitted electronically through a service provider authorized by the department to provide motor vehicle records for this purpose.

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:** A public hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, Room 1203, First Floor, Gordon Persons Building, located at 50 N Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Copies of the rule(s) can be obtained at [www.revenue.alabama.gov/rulehear.html](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/rulehear.html).

All interested parties may present their views in writing to the Secretary of the Alabama Department of Revenue, Room 4131, Gordon Persons Building, 50 N Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36132 at any time during the thirty-five (35) day period following publication of the notice or by appearing at the hearing.

**FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:**

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

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810-5-1-.204 Placement of Motor Vehicle License Tags on Certain Motor Vehicles.

~~(1) The Commissioner of Revenue is of the opinion that Act 143 of the 1961 Legislature, now Section 32-6-51 Code of Alabama 1975, has certain conflicts in regard to the placement of license plates on trucks or truck tractors.~~

~~(2) (1) In order to comply with the legislative intent of Act 143 which requires the license plates to be conspicuous and "plainly visible", the Department of Revenue mandates that the placement of license plates issued for truck tractors as defined in Section 40-12-240, as amended, be displayed on the front of the truck tractors (excluding motor homes). Section 32-6-51, Code of Alabama 1975, requires that license plates be attached on the rear of a motor vehicle. Due to the configuration and use of certain vehicles, placement of license plates in this manner is not practical. Therefore, license plates shall be displayed on the front of the following types of motor vehicles:~~

~~(a) Truck tractors as defined in Section 40-12-240~~

~~(b) Certain trucks as defined in Section 40-12-240 with the exception of self-propelled campers or house cars commonly referred to as motor homes. License plates may be displayed on the front of trucks when:~~

~~(3) Owners or operators of trucks as defined in Section 40-12-240, as amended, may display the license plate in the front of the vehicle when:~~

~~(a) 1. The license plate is rendered difficult to read because of the truck bumpers, or truck lift or other permanent obstruction.~~

~~(b) 2. The license plate is subject to being bent, defaced, mutilated because of the commodity hauled or the use made of the truck.~~

~~(c) 3. The license plate is subject to being covered with dirt, chemicals, etc., because of vehicle design or use (i.e. dump trucks, trash or garbage trucks).~~

~~(4) The license plate required of all other motor vehicles shall be placed on the rear of such vehicle as provided by said Act.~~

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5), 40-2-11, 40-12-272, Code of Alabama, 1975

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