

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control 810 Department or Agency REVENUE

Rule Nos. 810-5-1-.247

Rule Title: Guidelines for Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspections

 New; XX Amend; Repeal; Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? N/A

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have any economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer *[Signature]*

Date 1/20/12

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

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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-.207 Motor Vehicle Wreckers

INTENDED ACTION: Adopt new rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The department proposes to adopt the above rule to provide guidance regarding the new motor vehicle wrecker classification created by Act 2011-540.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 810-5-1-.212 Undercover License Plates

INTENDED ACTION: Adopt new rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The department proposes to adopt the above rule to provide guidelines and procedures when issuing undercover license plates to law enforcement agencies.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 810-5-1-.247 Guidelines for Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspections

INTENDED ACTION: Amend an existing rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The department proposes to amend the above rule due to the provisions of Act 2010-579 which exempt vehicles registered in this state in the previous two calendar years from a physical inspection by the county licensing official.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 810-5-8-.07 Vehicles Exempt from the Mandatory Liability Insurance Law

INTENDED ACTION: Adopt new rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The department proposes to adopt the above rule to exempt vehicles covered by a blanket liability insurance policy or commercial automobile liability insurance policy from the Mandatory Liability Insurance Law verification process.

RULE NO. & TITLE: 810-5-75-.34 Title Procedure – Title Obtained Under Surety Bond

INTENDED ACTION: Amend an existing rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The department proposes to amend the above rule to provide uniform amounts for surety bonds that are being posted to obtain certificates of title. By establishing uniform surety bond amounts, the surety bond request process can be standardized and integrated into the electronic title application processing system (ETAPS).


TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, in the Office of the Legal Division, Room 3114, 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.

All interested parties may present their views in writing to the **Deputy Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Revenue, Room 4112, 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, March 7, 2012

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810-5-1-.247 Guidelines for Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspections.

(1) All vehicles being titled for the first time in Alabama and all non-titled vehicles being registered for the first time in a new owner's name by the license plate issuing official must be physically inspected by the license plate issuing official. The physical inspection requirements do not apply to the following:

(a) Registration renewals;

(b) Vehicles registered pursuant to Section 32-6-56, Code of Alabama 1975 (IRP-registered vehicles);

(c) Vehicles registered in this state during the current year or within the previous two calendar years;

~~(e)~~(d) 1975 and subsequent year motor vehicles owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale or registered with dealer or manufacturer plates.

(2) License plate issuing officials may appoint a government official located in Alabama or a law enforcement officer as a deputy for the purpose of inspecting a motor vehicle, by completing Department of Revenue Form MVT 5-10. The government official must verify the vehicle identification number (VIN), make, year, model, body type, number of cylinders, color, and odometer reading of the vehicle by signing the form.

(3) All vehicles must have a unique VIN. It is the registrant's responsibility to ensure that the VIN is permanently affixed to the vehicle. The VIN must be 17 characters for 1981 and later year model motor vehicles, in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Chapter V, Part 565. The VIN is not required to be 17 characters for trailers.

(4) Required ownership documentation for first time registrations for non-titled trailers and 1974 and prior year model motor vehicles is a bill of sale that contains the minimum requirements established in Department of Revenue Administrative Rule 810-5-1-.246. The VIN on the vehicle must be compared to the number appearing on the ownership documentation to ensure that the correct vehicle is being registered.

(5) Guidelines on where to locate the VIN on the vehicle:

(a) Passenger vehicles/pickup trucks – driver's side windshield or inside driver's door jamb.

(b) Motorcycle – on front fork.

(c) Trailer – on trailer frame or tongue.

- (d) Assembled vehicles – driver’s door jamb.
- (e) Homemade trailers – on trailer frame or tongue.
- (f) 1954 and prior year vehicles – inner fender well or driver’s door post.
Motor number is to be used as VIN if there is not a VIN plate on the vehicle.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 32-8-3(b)(2), Code of Alabama 1975
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