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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would confirm that centralized motor vehicle registration is specifically prohibited and it is the legislature's intent that motor vehicle registration shall remain at the county level with no centralized motor vehicle registration system provided by any state agency, and would provide for retroactive effect.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicles; to amend Section 32-6-65, Code of Alabama 1975, to confirm that centralized motor vehicle registration is specifically prohibited and it is the legislature's intent that motor vehicle registration shall remain at the county level with no centralized motor vehicle registration system provided by any state agency; to provide for retroactive effect; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current



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29 style.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

31 Section 1. Section 32-6-65, Code of Alabama 1975, is
32 amended to read as follows:

33 "§32-6-65

34 (a) There shall be one uniform motor vehicle
35 registration renewal form to be used statewide. ~~Such~~ The form
36 shall be designed ~~so as~~ to provide for both the transfer of
37 ownership and the registration of the motor vehicle. All
38 receipts shall be sent to the county agencies charged with
39 handling motor vehicle registration. Receipts may be provided
40 to the registrant in a tangible format or in an electronic
41 format, as prescribed by the department. The state and the
42 county shall capture the color of the motor vehicle in their
43 permanent records. This subsection shall not give the
44 Department of Revenue authority to centralize motor vehicle
45 registration. Centralized registration ~~is~~ of motor vehicles, a
46 statewide motor vehicle registration system, or any motor
47 vehicle registration system managed or provided by a state
48 agency are specifically prohibited ~~and it~~. It is the
49 legislative intent that ~~automotive~~ motor vehicle registration
50 shall remain at the county level.

51 (b) (1) A penalty of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be
52 assessed by the official charged with issuing motor vehicle
53 licenses for the late registration of a motor vehicle. "Late
54 registration of a motor vehicle" shall include all of the
55 following:

56 ~~(1) the failure~~ a. Failure to register the motor



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57 vehicle within 20 calendar days of the date of purchase or
58 acquisition; ~~.(2) the failure~~

59 b. Failure to renew the registration in the designated
60 renewal month; ~~. and (3) the failure~~

61 c. Failure to register the motor vehicle in accordance
62 with the provisions of Section 40-12-262(a).

63 (2) It shall be the duty of all sheriffs, police
64 officers, state troopers, license inspectors, deputy license
65 inspectors, field agents of the Department of Revenue, and
66 other law enforcement officers to arrest any person operating
67 a motor vehicle without the current license plate displaying
68 the proper validation decal. Persons apprehended for operating
69 a motor vehicle without the current license plate, upon
70 conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be
71 fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25).

72 ~~(2)~~ (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), any person on
73 military deployment during any part of his or her designated
74 registration renewal month, except a person with a discharge
75 characterization of dishonorable or other than honorable, who
76 renews his or her motor vehicle registration within 30
77 calendar days from the date the deployment ends shall not be
78 assessed a late registration penalty or associated interest
79 charges. Evidence of military deployment shall be documented
80 using military deployment orders, a government issued
81 Statement of Service letter, Form DD214 Certificate of Release
82 or Discharge from Active Duty, or a letter from the
83 registrant's unit commander certifying the date that his or
84 her deployment ended.



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85 (c) All penalties assessed by this section shall be
86 distributed in the same manner as motor vehicle licenses and
87 registration fees are distributed as provided in Sections
88 40-12-269 and 40-12-270. Portions of Section 40-12-10 as they
89 may conflict with this section, are hereby repealed and
90 superseded."

91 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately
92 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
93 otherwise becoming law, and shall apply retroactively to
94 October 1, 2022.