

Bulletin

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BULLETIN TO: Dealers
FROM: Brenda Scheydt, Manager
 Business Licensing and Consumer Services
RE: Legislation 2011

The following are the highlights of the bills that have passed and have a direct impact on dealers:

HB 72 - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011 – Effective July 1, 2011

- Increases the Certificate of Title fee from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for all vehicles, except daily rentals, that are titled on and after July 1, 2011. Rental vehicles title fee remains \$50 for fiscal years 2012 through 2014.
- Beginning July 1, 2011, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will be required to prevent the registration or driver's license renewal of any company or individual that has not paid all undisputed taxes and/or unemployment insurance contributions. New flags are being developed and will reflect "Comptroller's Office" or "Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation" (DLLR) on our system. Once the registration is flagged, you will be unable to process a tag transfer or a registration renewal until the matter has been satisfied.
- The fee for a Personalized Plates will increase annually from \$25.00 to \$50.00.
- From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, the dealer-processing fee has been increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00. On July 1, 2014, the fee is again increased from \$200.00 to \$300.00.
- Effective, July 1, 2011, the dealer discount for collecting and remitting tax to this Administration has been reduced from 1.2% to 0.6% and the maximum dollar amount has been reduced from \$24.00 to \$12.00.

HB 319 – Motor Vehicle Dealers Issuance of Temporary Registration Plate – Effective October 1, 2011

- This bill allows a licensed dealer to issue a temporary registration to a buyer who may be subject to an insurance violation.

HB 624 - Baltimore City Used Car Dealers Sunday Operations - Effective June 1, 2011

- Permits a used car dealer to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show or offer for sale a motor vehicle or certificate of title on Sunday instead of Saturday if the dealer notifies the MVA in advance. You may notify the MVA in the following ways:

- By sending a letter on the dealer's letterhead stating your new hours of operations. The letter, signed by an owner of the dealership, must be sent to the Business Licensing and Consumer Services Division.
- Completing a new application indicating the new hours with the appropriate signature(s). If it is time to renew, make sure the completed application reflects the corrected hours of operation.
- Email directly from the dealership to mvabusinesslicensing@mdot.state.md.us giving the dealership's name and location and stating the corrected hours of operation.

HB 908 – Motor Vehicles Leased Vehicles Advertising Practices – Effective October 1, 2011

- Prohibits a dealer who leases vehicles from failing to offer to the general public a cost reduction to the lessee unless the cost reduction is offered to all potential lessees.
- A dealer who leases vehicles may not fail to include any dealer processing or freight charges in determining the adjusted capitalized cost used to calculate the base lease payment shown in an advertisement for a leased vehicle.

HB 1167 Motorized Passenger Scooter – Use in Ocean City – Emergency Bill effective when signed by the Governor.

- This bill permits the use of a motorized passenger scooter on any portion of a State Highway designated as a bicycle way in Ocean City, Maryland.

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact Ms. Sarah Moore at (410) 424-3060 or via email to smoore1@mva.maryland.gov.