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(1) §32-7A-4, Code of Ala. 1975, provides alternatives to satisfy motor vehicle liability insurance requirements. The motor vehicle may be covered by a motor vehicle liability bond or a deposit of cash with the State Treasurer. The bond or deposit of cash "shall be in the amount of not less than the minimum amounts of liability coverage for bodily injury or death and for destruction of property under subsection (c) of §32-7-6, Code of Ala. 1975".

(2) Motor Vehicle Liability Bond. The Motor Vehicle Liability Bond (Form MV-MLI-004) shall be filed with the department. The bond must be executed by a company qualified to conduct a surety business in Alabama, and shall be conditioned on the payment of the amount of any judgment rendered against the principal in the bond or any person responsible for the operation of the principal’s motor vehicle with his or her express or implied consent, arising from injury, death, or damage sustained through the use, operation, maintenance, or control of the motor vehicle within the State of Alabama.

(3) Certificate of Cash Bond.

(a) The Application For Deposits of Cash Bond Certificate (Form MV-MLI-001) must be submitted to the department specifying the registrant’s name, Alabama certificate of title number, if applicable, vehicle identification number and include a cash deposit as provided in paragraph (1) of this rule.

(b) In the event that the minimum principal on deposit is drawn upon and the principal is reduced to an amount less than the minimum amount required by §32-7A-4, Code of Ala. 1975, the registrant will, within 30 calendar days, deposit cash with the department in an amount sufficient to meet the requirements of §32-7A-4, Code of Ala. 1975.

(c) A Cash Bond Withdrawal Request (Form MV-MLI-003) must be submitted to withdraw the funds deposited with the department. The funds will be held for sixty (60) calendar days prior to the release. If during this sixty (60) days, the department is notified of pending litigation, or judgment rendered against the principal in the cash bond, or any person responsible for the operation of the principal’s motor vehicle
with his or her express or implied consent, arising from injury, death, or damage sustained through the use, operation, maintenance, or control of the motor vehicle, the funds will be held until all pending claims against the fund has been resolved.

(4) Bond Cancellation. If a bond issued under paragraph (2) or (3) is canceled, terminated, invalidated, or withdrawn the registrant is required to obtain liability insurance coverage pursuant to Chapter 7A of Title 32, Code of Ala. 1975. A person displaying a cancelled bond, or illegally altered or counterfeit bond, is in violation of §32-7A-16, Code of Ala. 1975.

(5) Proof of Insurance. The Motor Vehicle Liability Bond Certificate and Cash Bond Certificate issued by the department must be carried within the vehicle as proof of liability insurance coverage required under §32-7-6, Code of Ala. 1975. The certificate must be displayed upon request by any law enforcement officer as provided under §32-7A-6, Code of Ala. 1975, in order for the officer to ascertain that the registrant or operator is covered under the provisions of Chapter 7A of Title 32, Code of Ala. 1975. If the owner refuses or fails to provide proof of exemption as provided in this rule, the person shall be in violation of §32-7A-16, Code of Ala. 1975.

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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, unless an extension is granted under paragraph (4), will result in suspension of the registration and require payment of the reinstatement fee.

(a) To claim the exemption prior to a lapse in coverage as provided in §32-7A-5, Code of Ala. 1975, the registrant must surrender the registration and associated license plate to the licensing official along with a completed Request for Registration Revocation Form (MV 32-7A-5).

(b) To claim the exemption from the reinstatement fee due to a lapse in coverage, the registrant must surrender the license plate, along with the registration receipt and a completed Request for Registration Revocation Form (MV 32-7A-5), within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the Mandatory Liability Insurance Verification Notice unless the registrant qualifies for an extension of this time frame as provided in paragraph (4).

(c) 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, provided the owner complies with the requirements under §32-7A-11, Code of Ala. 1975. The licensing official must include the revocation record in the data uploaded to the state registration database.

(d) Registration fees may not be credited or refunded for a license plate surrendered pursuant to §§32-7A-5 and 32-7A-11, Code of Ala. 1975. The local licensing official shall maintain all documentation submitted to substantiate the exemption from the reinstatement fee. The surrendered license plate shall be disposed of in a manner as prescribed by the department.
(e) 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.

(4) Extension to Claim Exemption from the Reinstatement Fee.

(a) A registrant may be granted an extension by the licensing official of the initial thirty (30) day in which to claim the stored, inoperable, or otherwise unused exemption if the registrant was unable to respond due to “good cause” as a result of one of the following circumstances being in effect at the time the initial thirty (30) day period expired:

1. Registrant, by evidence of military orders, was stationed or deployed outside Alabama.

2. Registrant was incarcerated.

3. Registrant was hospitalized or otherwise medically incapacitated.

4. The vehicle was impounded by law enforcement.

(b) To qualify for an extension of time under this paragraph, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the claimed good cause event ceases the registrant must:

1. Apply for the stored, inoperable, or otherwise unused exemption with the local licensing official in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3)(b) by completing the Mandatory Liability Insurance Affidavit (Form MV 32-7A-11).

2. Provide sufficient evidence of the claimed good cause event and event end date to the local licensing official.

The required documentation to claim the extension must be loaded as evidence to the department’s MLI system.

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810-5-8-.07 Vehicles Exempt From Online Insurance Verification.

(1) The vehicles listed in §32-7A-5, Code of Ala. 1975, are exempt from online insurance verification.

(2) Under the authority granted to the commissioner by §32-7A-5(13), any vehicle covered by a blanket liability insurance policy or commercial automobile liability insurance policy is exempt from online insurance verification.

(3) The terms “blanket liability insurance policy” and “commercial automobile liability insurance policy” may be used interchangeably.

(4) §32-7A-2(2), Code of Ala. 1975, defines a commercial automobile liability insurance policy as a policy that:

   (a) Is written on either a commercial coverage or other commercially rated personal policy form, including, but not limited to, a commercial auto, garage, or truckers form, and is not dependent on the type, number, or ownership of vehicle or entity covered or insured.

   (b) Ensures vehicles that are not identified individually by a vehicle identification number on the policy.

(5) Vehicles insured under a blanket or commercial automobile liability insurance policy are not subject to the department insurance verification process; however, every operator of a motor vehicle subject to §32-7A-4, must provide evidence of insurance to the licensing official at the time of registration and carry within the vehicle evidence of insurance.

(6) In accordance with §32-7A-6, Code of Ala. 1975, if the insurance card is issued for a blanket or commercial automobile liability insurance policy, the insurance card may state “FLEET,” “COMMERCIAL,” “COMMERCIAL POLICY,” or “COMMERCIAL EXEMPT” in lieu of vehicle years, makes, and VINs if vehicle years, makes, and VINs are not captured by the insurer. If the vehicle years, makes, and VINs are captured by the insurer, then
the insurer may provide such information on the insurance card, but must also state “FLEET,” “COMMERCIAL,” “COMMERCIAL POLICY,” or “COMMERCIAL EXEMPT” on the insurance card. If the insurance card is issued for a non-owner policy, the card may state “NONOWNER POLICY’ in lieu of the vehicle year, make, and VIN.

(7) In accordance with §32-7A-4(b)(1), Code of Ala. 1975, any vehicle insured under a blanket or commercial automobile liability insurance policy is required to be insured by a policy issued in amounts no less than the minimum amounts set for bodily injury or death and for destruction of property as provided in §32-7-6(c), Code of Ala. 1975.

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810-5-8-.09 Identification Documentation Required For Registration.

(1) In accordance with §32-7A-17(d), Code of Ala. 1975, all officials authorized by law to issue motor vehicle license plates shall obtain, when issuing the initial vehicle registration or transferring motor vehicle registrations, each registrant’s valid, unexpired state issued driver’s license or identification card number, a department approved federal identifying number, national driver’s license, or for a company, or other entity, the federal employer identification number.
(FEIN), for inclusion within the motor vehicle registration records in the state and county databases provided these numbers shall not be included on the motor vehicle registration receipts. For registration renewals, the identifying document is not required.

(2) A driver’s license or identification card is considered valid if it is unexpired.

(3) Under the authority granted to the department by Section 32-7A-17(d), Code of Ala. 1975, the department may assign an identifying number to vehicle registrants in order to document compliance with the mandatory liability insurance law. License plate issuing officials, as designated agents of the department (Section 32-8-34, Code of Ala. 1975), are authorized to assign an identifying number on behalf of the department.

(4) License plate issuing officials shall collect and provide one of the following document types and supporting information to the department with the motor vehicle registration record:

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(5) Section 32-7A-2(24), Code of Ala. 1975, defines a state as any state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, any province or territory of the Dominion of Canada, or a state of the Republic of Mexico.

(6) A department assigned identifying number may be assigned to the registrant upon presentation of other evidence of identity when the registrant cannot provide a valid,
unexpired state issued driver’s license or identification card, national driver’s license or FEIN.

(7) Other evidence of identity includes but is not limited to the following documentation:

(a) Medicare card “A”.
(b) U.S. Passport.
(c) Birth certificate.
(d) U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services Resident alien card/ Green Card.
(e) U.S. military ID (ex. Common Access Card (CAC), U.S. Uniformed Services Identification Card, Military Separation Form (DD-214)).
(f) Tribal identification card.
(g) Professional license issued by a state or federal agency.
(h) Selective Service card or verification with Selective Service Online Registration Verification system.
(i) Veterans Administration Card.
(j) Driver license or non-driver identification card from a country that is not included in paragraph five (5); for example Guatemala.

(8) The number reflected on the evidence that is used to identify the vehicle owner should be used to create the department assigned identifying number. If the identification evidence number includes a social security number or a number is not reflected on the other evidence, then a number, up to 20 digits, should be assigned to indicate compliance in accordance with the mandatory liability insurance law.

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