

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1884

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE PERMANENT AUTOMOBILE LICENSING ACT OF 1967; AND TO AUTHORIZE A CERTIFICATION OF NONOPERATION.

Basic Change :

Sponsors: Rep. Fortner and Sen. Hammer

Under current law, § 27-14-1011(d), motor vehicle registrations are valid for one (1) year from the date thereof and shall continue from year to year thereafter as long as renewed each year within the time required by law.

HB1884 adds an additional section, § 27-14-1022, to require a motor vehicle owner to provide a written statement and surrender the license plates and current registration certificate if the vehicle will not be operated on public streets, roads or highways.

Revenue Impact :

Possible unknown decrease in registration fees collected.

Taxpayer Impact :

Motor vehicle owners will provide a written statement and surrender the license plates and current registration certificate if the vehicle will not be operated on public streets, roads or highways.

Resources Required :

No additional resources required.

Time Required :

Adequate time has been provided.

Procedural Changes :

Update Motor Vehicle Manual and Distribute to State Revenue Offices.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

This bill clarifies § 27-14-601 to not require payment of the annual registration fee if before the motor vehicle registration expires, the owner provides to the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA): (1) a written statement that the vehicle will not be operated upon the public streets, roads, or highways of this state; and surrenders (2) the license plate previously issued, and (3) the current registration certificate issued to the motor vehicle.

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The certification is valid until the owner applies for a new motor vehicle registration certificate as provided under § 27-14-602 and § 27-14-705.

Presently an owner can merely sign an Affidavit of Non-Use and avoid paying any penalties that would be assessed under § 27-14-1004(b) but this does not relieve the owner of the annual registration requirement.

Section 2 is not to be codified and requires DFA to provide an amnesty period to allow owners until January 1, 2020, to comply with § 27-14-1022(a)(2). There is a clerical error in Section 2 which refers to § 24-14-1022(a)(2) when it should refer to § 27-14-1022(a)(2).