

1 HB453  
2 205941-1  
3 By Representative Meadows  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, an individual must renew his or her vehicle registration within a pre-determined month. The county commission, in consultation with the local judge of probate or other county license plate issuing official, may offer an individual a renewal period that lasts up to two years.

This bill would require the county commission to allow an individual to renew his or her registration up to 90 days prior to the month assigned for renewal.

This bill would also require that the county commission give the option to renew a registration for a two-year period.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1                   Relating to motor vehicle registry; to amend  
2       Sections 32-6-61 and 36-6-62.2, Code of Alabama 1975, to  
3       further provide for the registration and renewal process for  
4       motor vehicles.

5       BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6                   Section 1. Sections 32-6-61 and 32-6-62.2, Code of  
7       Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

8                   "§32-6-61.

9                   "The staggered system for the licensing, registra-  
10       tion, and taxation of motor vehicles shall be implemented  
11       thusly: The first letter of an individual's last name shall  
12       determine the month in which a vehicle owner shall register  
13       his or her vehicle(s), as indicated below:

14       January .....	A, D
15       February .....	B
16       March .....	C, E
17       April .....	F, G, N
18       May .....	H, O
19       June .....	M, I
20       July .....	P, L
21       August .....	J, K, R
22       September ....	Q, S, T
23       October .....	U, V, W, X, Y, Z, trucks, commercial and fleet vehicles

1           November .....           Trucks, commercial and fleet vehicles

2                   "After the conversion period all owners of private  
3 passenger vehicles and pickup trucks of 12,000 pounds and  
4 under shall continue to register their vehicles during the  
5 month assigned to the first initial of their last name. All  
6 license plates issued on a staggered registration basis shall  
7 expire on the last day of the month assigned for the purchase  
8 or renewal of license registration.

9                   "All license plates issued to commercial and fleet  
10 vehicles for which licensing, registration, and taxation are  
11 due in October and November shall expire on November 30.

12                  "During the implementation period and thereafter all  
13 licensing, registration, and ad valorem taxation of motor  
14 vehicles shall be prorated on a monthly basis, except that the  
15 special or additional license plate fees provided in Division  
16 6, commencing with Section 32-6-150, of this chapter shall not  
17 be prorated.

18                  "In implementing this change of expiration dates,  
19 registration fees and ad valorem taxes shall be collected for  
20 periods not exceeding 12 months. Anyone acquiring a motor  
21 vehicle during his or her designated renewal month shall be  
22 subject to the payment of registration fees and ad valorem  
23 taxes for the current renewal period, and the renewal period  
24 beginning on the first day of the succeeding month.

1            "All persons who acquire a motor vehicle which is  
2            located in this state and required to be registered in this  
3            state, within 20 calendar days from date of purchase, shall  
4            reregister the vehicle with the judge of probate or other  
5            county official authorized and required by law to issue  
6            license plates, of the county in which the owner resides, if  
7            the owner is an individual, or of the county in which the  
8            motor vehicle is used or operated if the owner is a firm,  
9            corporation, or association. The owner shall be issued a new  
10           registration receipt and purchase a license plate or  
11           validation decal(s) to the appropriate month assigned for  
12           renewal. The owner shall have the option to renew his or her  
13           registration up to 90 days prior to the month assigned for  
14           renewal.

15            "§32-6-62.2.

16            "(a) Notwithstanding any other law, the county  
17            commission, in consultation with the local judge of probate or  
18            other county license plate issuing official authorized to  
19            issue motor vehicle registrations ~~may~~ shall give the option to  
20            authorize ~~an optional~~ a two-year registration renewal for  
21            motor vehicles operated on the public highways of this state.

22            "(b) If a registrant elects to renew his or her  
23            motor registration for a two-year period, he or she shall do  
24            all of the following:

25            "(1) Pay the local issuance fee. The registrant  
26            shall not be required to pay an additional local issuance fee  
27            for the second year of registration.

1               "(2) Pay the license taxes, ad valorem tax, and  
2       registration fees for each year at the time of the election to  
3       renew the registration for two years."

4               Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
5       first day of the third month following its passage and  
6       approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.