

VEHICLE REGISTRATION MODIFICATIONS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies notification requirements related to motor vehicle registration.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- creates an exception for notification of vehicle registration expiration when registration fees are past due.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-1a-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 59

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-1a-203** is amended to read:

41-1a-203 . Prerequisites for registration, transfer of ownership, or registration renewal.

(1) (a) (i) Except as provided in [~~Subsection (1)(b)~~] Subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c), the division shall mail a notification to the owner of a vehicle at least 30 days before the date the vehicle's registration is due to expire.

(ii) The division shall ensure that mailing of notifications described in Section (1)(a)(i) begins as soon as practicable.

(b) (i) The division shall provide a process for a vehicle owner to choose to receive electronic notification of the pending expiration of a vehicle's registration.

- 29 (ii) If a vehicle owner chooses electronic notification, the division shall notify by
30 email the owner of a vehicle at least 30 days before the date the vehicle's
31 registration is due to expire.
- 32 (c) If at the time the owner renews the vehicle registration, the previous registration
33 period has been expired at least 270 days, the division is not required to comply with
34 the notification requirement described in Subsection (1) for the next registration
35 period.
- 36 (2) Except as otherwise provided, before registration of a vehicle, an owner shall:
- 37 (a) obtain an identification number inspection under Section 41-1a-204;
- 38 (b) obtain a certificate of emissions inspection, if required in the current year, as
39 provided under Section 41-6a-1642;
- 40 (c) pay property taxes, the in lieu fee, or receive a property tax clearance under Section
41 41-1a-206 or 41-1a-207;
- 42 (d) pay the automobile driver education tax required by Section 41-1a-208;
- 43 (e) pay the applicable registration fee under Part 12, Fee and Tax Requirements;
- 44 (f) pay the uninsured motorist identification fee under Section 41-1a-1218, if applicable;
- 45 (g) pay the motor carrier fee under Section 41-1a-1219, if applicable;
- 46 (h) pay any applicable local emissions compliance fee under Section 41-1a-1223; and
- 47 (i) pay the taxes applicable under Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act.
- 48 (3) In addition to the requirements in Subsection (1), an owner of a vehicle that has not
49 been previously registered or that is currently registered under a previous owner's name
50 shall apply for a valid certificate of title in the owner's name before registration.
- 51 (4) The division may not issue a new registration, transfer of ownership, or registration
52 renewal under Section 73-18-7 for a vessel or outboard motor that is subject to this
53 chapter unless a certificate of title has been or is in the process of being issued in the
54 same owner's name.
- 55 (5) The division may not issue a new registration, transfer of ownership, or registration
56 renewal under Section 41-22-3 for an off-highway vehicle that is subject to this chapter
57 unless a certificate of title has been or is in the process of being issued in the same
58 owner's name.
- 59 (6) The division may not issue a registration renewal for a motor vehicle if the division has
60 received a hold request for the motor vehicle for which a registration renewal has been
61 requested as described in:
- 62 (a) Section 72-1-213.1; or

- 63 (b) Section 72-6-118.
- 64 Section 2. **Effective date.**
- 65 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.