Legislation Changes

H. B. 347  Motor Vehicle Business Regulation Amendments. This legislation provides that requirements for motor vehicle dealers apply to a person who is licensed as a motorcycle or small trailer dealer. The new legislation requires that motorcycle and small trailer dealers complete an eight-hour orientation class approved by the division, before they receive their license. This 8 hour training becomes effective July 1, 2008 for any new license applications. Any current owners, partners or corporate officers will be grandfathered in if they were licensed before July 1, 2008.

To renew for 2010, the 3 hour training course will be required to renew existing licenses for all types of dealers.

This legislation also requires that a licensed distributor who is located or has a branch office in Utah to maintain a principal place of business. It also states that a used motor vehicle dealer whose license has been suspended may liquidate remaining inventory for up to 90 days from the suspend date by selling the used motor vehicles to either an auto auction or to another licensed dealer. It provides that the dealer may also sell the remaining inventory to any person after the vehicle has been titled to an owner, partner or corporate officer for at least 12 months.

S. B. 100  Motor Vehicle Dealer Disclosure Requirements Amendments. This bill amends the disclosure language that a motor vehicle dealer is required to provide if the dealer has contracted to enter into a lease agreement.

S. B. 179  Salvage Vehicle Amendments. This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Division to issue an insurance company a salvage certificate no sooner than 30 days from the date of settlement if the insurance company declares vehicle salvage; issues a settlement payment to the owner or has contacted the owner at least two times requesting title and the owner has not responded.

H. B. 148  Enforcement of Front License Plate Display. This legislation makes it a secondary offence not to display a front license plate on a motor vehicle. In order to enforce this offence, the vehicle would have to be stopped by a peace officer for another violation.

S.B. 15  Driving Under the Influence Amendments. This bill increases the DUI administrative impound fee from $230.00 to $330.00.

2009 Business Renewals

Your 2009 renewal information is enclosed. With the success of the online renewal process last year we are continuing to try and process all renewals online. See the enclosed sheet which has your website user ID and password. If your business does not have internet access you may contact MVED at 801-297-2600 and request a mail packet to renew. If you requested a mail packet last year, it is enclosed. You only have to be added to the mailing list once. Remember that by renewing online you DO NOT need to obtain signatures from an owner or sales people. This alone could save a large dealership hours worth of work! Remember that if you are licensed as a New or Used Motor Vehicle Dealership you must take the 3 hour training class before you can renew. PLEASE RE-NEW EARLY so your licenses have time to reach you in the mail!
The Motor Vehicle Dealer Training Classes are offered by the following:
www.mved.org

Real Value 801-298-3811 or 1-877-450-9100 or dave@hale.net

Independent Dealer Solutions 801-566-3802 or 1-800-324-7009 or visit www.idsinfo.com/main.asp

Sonya Jorgensen 801-347-5405 or via email at jorgmotors@yahoo.com

Training is updated electronically to MVED. Please allow 48 hours after you take the training before you try and renew your dealer license with MVED. Training must be taken after March 15, 2008 to renew for 2009.

*Remember Small Trailer Dealers, or New or Used Motorcycle Dealers DO NOT need the training to renew for 2009. However next year all types of dealerships will need to complete the 3 hour training due to recent changes in legislation.

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Off Site Sale License
Remember that for a dealer to display a vehicle away from the dealer location, the dealer needs to get a license for an “off-site” permit which is valid for up to 10 days. This includes displaying a vehicle at a sports event, mall giveaway, Costco, Sam’s Club, etc. If the vehicle is a “new” motor vehicle the dealer must also provide a copy of the portion of the new motor vehicle dealer’s franchise agreement identifying the dealer’s area of responsibility. This can be applied for by using the business license application located at http://tax.utah.gov/forms/current/tc-758.pdf. If you have questions you can contact MVED at (801) 297-2600.

Salespeople Licenses
All new salespeople licenses issued by MVED will expire on June 30, 2008. Licenses are not prorated. For example: If you have a new salesperson that starts with your dealership in April they must pay the $46.00 fee to obtain a license valid until June 30, 2008 and then you will also have to pay to renew the license until 2009. The salesperson cannot renew for 2009 until the business has renewed for 2009.

Any new salesperson license issued after July 1st will be valid until June 30, 2009.

Salespeople cannot work at your dealership without having a salesperson license in their possession and posted at the dealership.

Don’t forget to mail in any wall licenses for salespeople who no longer work for your dealership to MVED.

Please check all of your salespeople licenses after July 1st to ensure they have a 2009 expiration date.

Keeping Accurate Logs Of Temporary Permits
Permit audits are mailed out yearly to any business that has purchased temporary permits from MVED. Under Utah law the dealership is required to keep accurate log sheets of any temporary permits issued. This log must include license plate numbers issued by the DMV. When you receive a yearly temporary permit audit you do not have to pay for any permits in which you can provide MVED with the license plate number, date of sale and customer name. By keeping accurate permit logs this information should be readily available. If you cannot account for permits or provide the required information, this can become quite costly for the dealership at almost $50.00 per permit!

Keep up on any voids or rollbacks by sending them in weekly or monthly to MVED. If you have a void or rollback permits and you have the window portion of the permit and one of the small stubs there is not a fee due to clear those permits.

You must pay for permits issued to non residents. If you mail in the permit stub before it is expired you pay a lower fee. This fee varies depending on the type of vehicle the permit was issued to. If you fill out a permit for more than 45 days be sure to void the permit and write a new one. Do not alter the dates on permits. The dealership can face administrative penalties if a permit is issued for over 45 days or is altered.

The customer can also have their vehicle impounded. Do not place permits in rear windows with less than seventy percent light transparency. Seventy percent light transparency is typically what a front windshield is. If the car has tinted windows then place the temporary permit where the license plate is mounted. Temporary permits must be protected from the weather or conditions that would render them illegible.

Do not issue MVED permits to watercraft. Contact your local DMV about watercraft permits.

If you need a chart that explains the fees due to clear permits, please call MVED at 801-297-2600.