

# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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## **NOTICE OF CHANGE IN MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND TITLE REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASES FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN A GEORGIA REGISTERED DEALER**

### **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011:**

- Both Registration and Title for a newly purchased motor vehicle from a source other than a registered dealer must be applied for at the owner's County Tag Office no later than seven business days after the Date of Purchase.
- The new seven-day requirement is contained in Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 40-2-29) and replaces the former thirty (30) day requirement for making an application for title and registration.

### **Registered Dealer Purchase:**

- The owner of a motor vehicle purchased from a registered dealer will be issued a dealer temporary license plate from the registered dealer at the time of purchase. The temporary license plate is valid for thirty days.

### **Purchase From Other Sources:**

- The owner of a motor vehicle purchased from any source other than a registered dealer must apply for Registration and Title at the owner's County Tag Office. The County Tag Office may issue a temporary license plate which is valid for thirty days.

Only a temporary license plate issued by a registered dealer or the county tag office will be considered valid. Any other type of temporary license plate is considered unlawful. State law requires all motor vehicles operated on Georgia roads and highways to be registered.

"The Department encourages all Georgia citizens to take note of these important Registration and Title deadline requirements," Commissioner Bart L. Graham said. "Detailed information can be obtained from your County Tag Office or on the Department's website." ([www.mvd.dor.ga.gov](http://www.mvd.dor.ga.gov))