

810-5-75-.42 DEALER RECORDS. Reference: Sections 32-8-1 through 32-8-87, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

(1) Section 32-8-45(b), Code of Alabama 1975, provides that every dealer shall maintain for five years a record **in the form the Department prescribes (emphasis supplied) , in a form as prescribed by the Department,** of every vehicle bought, sold or exchanged by him or received by him for sale or exchange, **which These records** shall be open to inspection by representatives of the Department and law enforcement officers during reasonable business hours.

~~(2) The majority of licensed motor vehicle dealers in Alabama have their records maintained by certified public accountants and/or by computers and the records normally maintained are in a form which meets the requirements and needs of the Department to accurately determine all transactions of the dealerships for vehicles bought, sold, exchanged or received for sale or exchange.~~

~~(2) (3) The records maintained by Alabama motor vehicle dealers for five years are acceptable in any format if they Dealer records must include the following information:~~

(a) Name and complete address (P. O. Box number not acceptable) of person buying, selling or exchanging vehicle with dealer.

(b) Name and complete address (P. O. Box number not acceptable) of owner from whom a vehicle was received for sale or exchange.

(c) Complete vehicle description: year, make, model, or series number, vehicle identification number and body type.

(d) Date of transaction.

~~(e) Statement that the identification number has been obliterated, defaced or changed if such is the fact.~~

~~(3) Section 32-8-3(b) 4, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, empowers the Department to revoke the designated agent status of a dealer for failure to faithfully perform duties if records are not maintained in the manner and period of time prescribed by the department and state law.~~

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Authority: Sections **40-2A-7(a)(5), 32-8-3(b)(2) and 32-8-45(b)**, Code of Alabama 1975

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