

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 47:508(A)(2)) requires that every automobile or truck registration to be used as a commercial rental or leased vehicle expire one year from the date of issues and be renewed annually.

New law retains existing law and further authorizes the vehicles registered under the fleet registration program to be enrolled under an annual or biennial fleet cycle administered by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (OMV), with proration for partial annual additions provided in the fleet registration program.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(A)) provides for the following definitions:

- (1) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the DPS&C, OMV.
- (2) "Fleet" means a group of motor vehicles owned or leased and titled in the name of a single registered fleet owner, consisting of 250 or more vehicles required to be registered under existing law.
- (3) "Registered fleet owner" means an entity approved by the OMV under proposed law to register vehicles as a fleet. Specifies the term includes a leasing or rental company defined in existing law.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(B)) specifies that for the renewal periods provided in new law, the commissioner must establish a system for the registration of all fleet vehicles owned or purchased by a registered fleet owner pursuant to new law. Further requires the commissioner establish forms and procedures for initial fleet registration and for periodic updates.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(C)) specifies that any owner of 250 or more motor vehicles that is required to be registered under existing law and new law may apply to be a registered fleet owner. Specifies that upon approval, the commissioner must issue a unique fleet identification number to the registered fleet owner. Further authorizes the commissioner to deny, suspend, or revoke fleet status for noncompliance with new law, including failure to maintain security, failure to remit fees or taxes, the misuse of plates, failure to provide records, or any other rules adopted by the commissioner pursuant to new law.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(D)) authorizes a registered fleet owner to elect to register its fleet on an annual or biennial basis in lieu of the standard cycles under existing law and new law. Requires an additional full annual fee be added to the partial annual prorated fee when a biennial registration is sought to add vehicles mid-cycle.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(E)) requires that vehicles subject to La. safety inspection requirements comply prior to issuance or renewal as applicable. Further requires that for rental or leased fleet vehicles, a valid brake tag or inspection certification remain effective for the duration of the rental or lease term. Additionally requires that reinspection or issuance of a new inspection sticker not be required during that period. Specifies that the director may authorize electronic proof of inspection in fleet application.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(F)) requires a registered fleet owner maintain proof of financial responsibility meeting the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law. Requires that the rental companies allocation of primary and secondary coverage comply with existing law, and the definitions applicable to vehicle rental insurers be as provided in existing law.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(G)) authorizes the commissioner to issue a unique fleet license plate or validation registration indicator for vehicles in a registered fleet. Further allows registration plates to be transferred among vehicles within the fleet subject to reporting and audit controls. Requires that unassigned plate inventory be secured and reconciled in accordance with the rules adopted by the commissioner.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(H)) requires that automobiles, vans, and sport utility vehicles used as commercial rental or daily leased vehicles be issued plates in accordance with the

DPS&C, OMV, policies or rules governing commercial plate classifications, including any successor classifications.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(I)) requires the commissioner provide technical specifications for secure electronic data exchange to support daily or periodic fleet registration updates, title submissions, and plate transfers. Further requires that registered fleet owners retain records for at least five years and maintain the records for audit.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(J)) requires that all license taxes and registration fees be computed under existing law and applicable plate-class schedules. Provides that the commissioner may authorize consolidated monthly remittance and reconciliation of fees and taxes for registered fleet owners.

New law (R.S. 47:508.1(K)) authorizes the DPS&C, OMV, to adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement new law and requires that it coordinate with the division of administration, the Dept. of Revenue, and the La. Public Service Commission with respect to regulated carriers, as applicable.

Effective on January 1, 2028, or when the DPS&C, OMV, electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to comply with the statutory provisions contained in new law, whichever occurs first.

(Amends R.S. 47:508(A)(2); Adds R.S. 47:508.1)