

810-5-1-.246 BILL OF SALE, INVOICE OR OTHER SALES DOCUMENT - Minimum Requirements. Reference: Section 40-12-260(b)(2), Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. (NEW RULE)

(1) Alabama law (Section 40-12-260(b)(2)) provides in part that within the first 20 calendar days of all self-propelled vehicles being purchased or acquired, and prior to obtaining a vehicle registration, a registrant must retain a legible copy of the bill of sale within the vehicle if the vehicle is not subject to the Alabama Uniform Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act (Section 32-8-1, et seq.).

(2) A bill of sale in connection with the sale of a motor vehicle shall contain all of the information listed below. An invoice or other sales document may be used in lieu of a bill of sale provided that the invoice or other sales document meets all the requirements in paragraph 3. In addition, the bill of sale, invoice or other sales document must be a document for the conveyance or transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle not subject to the Alabama Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act.

(3) In order for License Plate Issuing Officials and law enforcement to determine if a bill of sale, invoice or sales document is valid, the following information shall be contained within:

- (a) Name of purchaser.
- (b) Complete address of purchaser.
- (c) Date of sale.
- (d) Complete vehicle description: vehicle identification number, make, year, model or series number, body type.
- (e) Name of seller.
- (f) Complete address of seller.
- (g) If the seller is a dealer, then the dealer shall have the legend "PENALTY OF fifteen dollars (\$15.00) due if vehicle is not registered in the name of the new owner within 20 calendar days" stamped or inscribed in bold and conspicuous print on the bill of sale, invoice or other sales document as provided for in Section 40-12-260(a)(6) license plate transfer.
- (h) Signature of seller or authorized representative of seller.
- (i) Purchase price of the vehicle.

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History: