



Alabama Licensing Officials Conference

Motor Bus Passenger Carrier Business Operating License

**Prattville, Alabama
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Act 2006-632

Effective October 1, 2006, any motor passenger carrier vehicle owned or otherwise operated by a common carrier of passengers who are:

- Based in and have principal operating facilities in AL
- Authorized to operate in AL by the Public Service Commission (PSC) pursuant to §37-3, Code of Alabama, 1975

are EXEMPT from the payment of property tax



Definition

A motor bus passenger carrier vehicle is a motor bus that is operated as a common carrier of passengers that is regulated by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and whose owner or operator has acquired a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the PSC (Form 14CB).



PSC Certification

- The owner must file Form 14CB with the PSC showing that the common carrier is both based in and has operating facilities in Alabama
- A certificate number will be assigned by the PSC
- Certificate numbers are only provided for intrastate vehicles; interstate vehicles use “IRP”
- An approval order on PSC letterhead must be presented to the license office to receive a Special Motor Bus Passenger Carrier Business Operating License (SBOL)



License Procedures

- The SBOL form is provided by the Department of Revenue for use in the county license office
- The VIN, vehicle, and fee details are included in the license, along with an affidavit signed by the owner
- The license must be obtained annually.
- The annual year is from December 1st through the following November 30
- A license is issued each time the fee is paid
- Carrier must maintain the license as proof of registration



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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Special Motor Bus Passenger Carrier Business Operating License and Affidavit

ISSUING COUNTY HOUSTON		COUNTY CODE 38	PSC CERTIFICATE NO. CB54
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 2M93JMDA97W064363	MAKE MCI	MODEL J4500	YEAR 2007
FEE PAID 620.00	COMMISSION 15.50	STATE 45.34	COUNTY 217.62
EDUCATION TRUST FUND 341.54		TOTAL 620.00	
SOUTHERN COACHES LSG CO #5377		105503	DATE ISSUED 10/06/2008
			EXPIRATION DATE 11/2009

AFFIDAVIT

I certify that SOUTHERN COACHES LSG CO # has been issued certificate number CB54 and is authorized to operate in this State by the Public Service Commission pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 37 of Code of Alabama 1975. I further certify that SOUTHERN COACHES LSG CO is both based in and has principal operating facilities located within Alabama.

I understand that false statements given in this affidavit are subject to the penalty for perjury under the laws of the State of Alabama.

Signed this 16 day of OCTOBER, 2008. Signed before me this 08 day of OCTOBER, 2008.
Applicant: George Adas County Official: Luke Corley

OWNER'S COPY **A 0006074**

Special Bus Operating License (SBOL)



Collection of Fees

The license fee must be collected annually by the licensing official and is based on the age of the vehicle

- Motor bus passenger carrier vehicles less than 10 years old - \$620
- Motor bus passenger carrier vehicles 10 or more years old - \$100
- The fee may be prorated based on the number of calendar months remaining in the license year



Collection of Fees

Breakdown of collected fee:

Commission to the licensing official 2.5%

The remaining revenue to be distributed to:

State General Fund 7.5%

Education Trust Fund 56.5%

General Fund of Collecting County 36.0%



Issues with Certification

- PSC does not regulate carrier vehicles engaged in interstate commerce (IRP)
- If a carrier presents an approval order from the PSC, the license office may accept it without a certificate number, using “IRP” in that blank instead
- Verification may be made through the PSC with Devon Beaty at 334-242-5172 or 334-242-5218



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Alabama Public Service Commission

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Montgomery, AL 36130

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<http://www.psc.state.al.us/>



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Questions?