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Katherine,

Acknowledge final legislative package no later than 15 Dec to get you all legislative language and amendments.

Here are the DMV Legislative priorities as we stand.

- ELT-EVR H. 3904 Resides House EPW subcommittee, I will get you amendment language as directed.
- Souvenir and Personalized Plates H. 3908 again resides in House EPW subcommittee, needs to be amended to delete Plate template language that passed last session.

(C) The department must develop a basic plate design that will be used for all special license plates authorized by the General Assembly. The license plate must be the same size and general design of regular motor vehicle license plates but may be imprinted on the license plate in an area specified by an emblem, seal, insignia, or other identifying symbol of the sponsoring organization that the department considers appropriate. No text or slogans may be added to the license plate design unless they are part of the approved emblem, seal, insignia, or other identifying symbol. The name of the organization may be imprinted across the top of the license plate. The standard license plate design must be issued for all organizational license plates newly requested after July 1, 2013. License plate designs in production as of that date must be changed when the license plate, or license plate class, is replaced.

- 5 Year Eye-Proviso, passed last year, keeps us from suspending driver's license for individuals who do not bring in an eye statement the 5<sup>th</sup> year of their ten year license. 56-1-220 Paragraph B is poorly written. Our intent is to permanently remove this to allow individuals to renew online.

• **SECTION 56-1-220.** Vision screenings required for renewal of license; in person or certified vision screenings for a ten year license; certification of minimum standards; operation of vehicle with defective vision.

B) During the fifth year of a ten-year license, the licensee must submit by mail to the department a certificate from an ophthalmologist or optometrist licensed in any state or appear in person at a department office to complete a vision screening. If a licensee fails to submit a certificate or fails to appear in person, the licensee must be fined fifty dollars. The department shall waive the fine if the person completes the requirements of this section within ninety days after the end of the fifth year of a ten-year license. This fine must be placed by the Comptroller General into a special restricted account to be used by the department to defray the expenses incurred by this section. Interest accrued by this account must remain in this account.

- CDL Match Federal Restriction, Strike and Insert Section 56-1-2100 Paragraph B Section, purpose avoid amending SC Law every time Feds change restriction code
- (3) Restrictions: South Carolina CDL Restriction will match Federal Restrictions as mandated by FMCSA.

(a) "K" restricts the person to vehicles not equipped with airbrakes;

(b) "Z" except tractor trailer;

(c) "Z-1" may not operate commercial motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or a gross combination weight rating exceeding 26,000 pounds.

- No Tax on Education Materials, working to have same tax exemption that the department of Agriculture has on education materials. Meeting with Dept of Agriculture in next couple weeks to finalize and then will forward to you.
- Disaster Recovery (1x Non-Recurring Budget Request). This would give DMV capability to respond to Disaster and provide DMV services Around the state.

**Other:**

- Road Fee [H 3412](#) Working with Legislative Staff and stakeholders on amendment, on Road Fee portion as we will collect be collecting this fee and want to make sure we can operationalize the law, if it passes, as this collection moves from Department of Revenue to DMV as we collect IFTA and IRP fees already.

**Motor Carriers Commercial Motor Vehicles**

Section 12-37-2810. As used in this article, unless the context requires otherwise:

(A) 'Motor carrier' means a person who owns, controls, operates, manages, or leases a motor vehicle or bus for the transportation of property or persons in intrastate or interstate commerce except for scheduled intercity bus service and farm vehicles using FM tags as allowed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. A motor carrier is defined further as being a South Carolina-based International Registration Plan registrant or owning or leasing real property within this State used directly in the transportation of freight or persons.  
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(B) 'Commercial motor vehicle' means a motor propelled vehicle used on a public highway for the transportation of property on a public highway with a gross vehicle weight of greater than twenty-six thousand pounds.

(C) 'Highway' means all public roads, highways, streets, and ways in this State, whether within a municipality or outside of a municipality.

(D) 'Person' means any individual, corporation, firm, partnership, company or association, and includes a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, conservator, or a person acting in a fiduciary capacity.

(E) 'Semitrailers' means every vehicle with or without motive power, other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and constructed so that a part of its weight and of its load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.

(F) 'Trailers' means every vehicle with or without motive power, other than a pole trailer, designed for carrying property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and constructed so that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.

(G) 'Bus' means every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than sixteen passengers and used for the transportation of persons, for compensation, other than a taxicab or intercity bus.

(H) 'South Carolina apportionment factor' means the ratio of miles operated by a fleet of vehicles in South Carolina to the miles operated by the fleet of vehicles everywhere which is used to apportion the registration fees of the fleet under the International Registration Plan.

Section 12-37-2820. (A) The Department of Revenue Motor Vehicles annually shall assess, equalize, and apportion the valuation of all commercial motor vehicles of motor carriers registered for use in this State under the International Registration Plan or otherwise pursuant to Section 56-3-190

Final Package to follow.

Regards



Larry

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Katherine – happy to come by any day next week to discuss our package with you. We brought all our stakeholders in last week and reviewed all proposals with them. We actually had an opportunity to review them with Josh about a month ago, but understand they need to come through you. thanks.

Kevin

Larry – please ensure that Katherine gets our package on Monday. thanks

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**Importance:** High

Cabinet Members,

With **the 2014 legislative session rapidly approaching**, I know each of you have a number of issues you would like addressed either through the budget or permanent legislation. Prior to seeking sponsors or approaching Legislative Council, we ask that all agencies submit their legislative agendas to the Governor's Office for review and approval. **This applies to your current agenda items, those that come up over the course of the coming year, and inquiries about legislation or proposed changes to existing law for which your agency will prepare a response.**

If your agenda package is complete, please send it to me electronically as soon as possible but no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. For those issues that arise during the course of the year, remember to send draft language and/or a summary of the initiative to our office **before** submitting language to a legislative member or council.

We will review and get back to you as soon as possible. As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about this year's initiatives or legislation; I am looking forward to a smooth and productive session.

**\*\*\*In addition, please email me your agency's Chief of Staff, Legislative Liaison, and Communication/PIO contact information to update our records. \*\*\***

Thank you,  
Katherine

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