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8 SYNOPSIS: Under current law, boat trailers are not
9 required to be registered or have a license plate
10 within the State of Alabama. Manufacturers and
11 dealers of boats within the state that sell and
12 transport boats out of the state run the risk of
13 fines and traffic citations without proper
14 documentation.

15 This bill would allow manufacturers and
16 dealers of boats located within the State of
17 Alabama to make application to the Department of
18 Revenue for the authority to issue temporary
19 license plates and registration certificates for
20 boat trailers when sold out of state. This would
21 also include the manufacturers and dealers of other
22 types of trailers to include semi-trailers and
23 utility trailers, to issue temporary license plates
24 and registration certificates when conducting out
25 of state sales.

26 In addition, it would standardize the bond
27 requirements for all manufacturers and dealers of

1 trailers needing to issue temporary license plates
2 and registration certificates.

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT

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8 To amend Section 32-6-212, Code of Alabama 1975,
9 relating to temporary license plates and registration
10 certificates; to provide for additional authorization for
11 manufacturers and dealers of boats; to provide for temporary
12 license plates and registration certificates for boat trailers
13 when sold out of state; and to revise the bond requirements of
14 manufacturers and dealers.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. Section 32-6-212, Code of Alabama 1975,
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 "§32-6-212.

19 "A manufacturer of a mobile home, trailer coach,
20 travel trailer, ~~or~~ house trailer, semitrailer or trailer,
21 including a utility trailer, manufactured on a chassis or
22 undercarriage as an integral part thereof drawn by a
23 self-propelled vehicle who has a manufacturing, constructing,
24 or assembling plant in this state may make application to the
25 department for authority to issue temporary license ~~tags~~
26 plates and temporary registration certificates in connection
27 with such mobile homes, trailer coaches, travel trailers, ~~or~~

1 house trailers, semitrailers or trailers, including utility
2 trailers, manufactured by it in this state and which are to be
3 permanently licensed in some state other than Alabama. A
4 dealer in mobile homes, trailer coaches, travel trailers, ~~or~~
5 house trailers, semitrailers or trailers, including utility
6 trailers, may also make application to the department for
7 authority to issue temporary license ~~tags~~ plates and temporary
8 registration certificates in connection with such vehicles
9 sold by it which are to be permanently licensed in some state
10 other than the State of Alabama. ~~If approved by the~~
11 ~~department, such manufacturer or dealer shall enter into a~~
12 ~~bond with a corporate surety authorized to do business in this~~
13 ~~state as surety thereon, payable to the State of Alabama in a~~
14 ~~sum to be determined by the department, but in no event less~~
15 ~~than \$5,000.00, conditioned on the faithful performance of its~~
16 ~~duties under this division. In lieu of such bond, such~~
17 ~~manufacturer or dealer may file a condensed balance sheet as~~
18 ~~of a date not more than three months prior to July 1 each year~~
19 ~~in a form prescribed by the department and sworn to by such~~
20 ~~manufacturer or dealer, evidencing a net worth of not less~~
21 ~~than \$25,000.00. Such manufacturer or dealer may perform its~~
22 ~~duties under this division either personally or through any of~~
23 ~~its officers or employees. Temporary license tags issued by~~
24 ~~any such manufacturer or dealer or by designated agents in~~
25 ~~connection with mobile homes, trailer coaches, travel~~
26 ~~trailers, and house trailers shall be of a color or design~~

1 ~~distinctive from the temporary license tags issued for other~~
2 ~~type motor vehicles.~~

3 "(b) A manufacturer of a boat who has a
4 manufacturing, constructing, or assembling plant in this state
5 may make application to the department for authority to issue
6 a temporary license plate and temporary registration
7 certificate in connection with the boat trailer used to
8 transport such boat manufactured by it in this state when the
9 boat is to be domiciled in some state other than Alabama. A
10 dealer in boats may also make application to the department
11 for authority to issue temporary license plates and temporary
12 registration certificates in connection with a boat trailer
13 used to transport a boat sold by it which is to be permanently
14 domiciled in some state other than the State of Alabama.

15 "(c) If approved by the department, such
16 manufacturer or dealer shall enter into a bond with a
17 corporate surety authorized to do business in this state as
18 surety thereon, payable to the State of Alabama in a sum as
19 provided for in Section 40-12-398, Code of Alabama 1975.
20 Provided that a manufacturer or dealer who has entered into a
21 bond pursuant to Section 32-8-34, 32-20-22, or 40-12-398, Code
22 of Alabama 1975, shall not be required to obtain another bond
23 pursuant to this section. Such manufacturer or dealer may
24 perform its duties under this division either personally or
25 through any of its officers or employees. "

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.