

Introduction to Model Legislation on Staggered Registration for IRP and Other Commercial Vehicles

In many jurisdictions, the registration expiration date is governed by the birthday of the registrant. But because corporations and other artificial persons do not have birthdays, in many jurisdictions all commercial vehicle registrations expire on the same day, creating a workload problem for the motor vehicle agencies. This model legislation is based on Florida and California statutes and provides maximum flexibility to the agency in transitioning to a staggered registration system. This does not violate the [International Registration Plan](#).

Staggered Registration for IRP and Other Commercial Vehicles

For a vehicle subject to registration under [cross reference statute on registration of heavy trucks, truck tractors, semi-trailers and large for-hire passenger vehicles] the registration period shall be a period of 12 months beginning in a month designated by the department and ending on the last day of the 12th month. For a vehicle subject to this registration period, the renewal period is the last month of the registration period. In order to evenly distribute such registrations over the year, the registration period may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the department and the appropriate fees prorated accordingly, with subsequent renewals required at yearly intervals thereafter.