

The Director of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, acting in his capacity as the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and the Commissioner of Revenue, acting in his capacity as the Director's agent responsible for the administration of the Permanent Automobile Licensing Program, hereby promulgates the following regulation. This regulation is necessary to timely implement the provisions of Act 974 of 1997 which adopted a streamlined vehicle registration procedure. The statutory authority for the promulgation of this regulation is found at Ark. Code Ann. § 27-14-1020 and Section 19 of Act 974 of 1997.

REGULATION 1997-5

- (1) In order to assure the implementation of Act 974 of 1997 within the time frames set by law, the Streamlined Registration Steering Committee, established by the Department of Finance and Administration, shall have the authority to review and authorize advance expenditures made by the counties which are directly related to, and required for implementation of the Act.
- (2) "Advance expenditures" are essential expenditures made by the counties to implement Act 974 of 1977 before the Systems Inventory Team of the Streamlined Registration Steering Committee has completed the county systems inventory.
- (3) Eligible advance expenditures are to be limited to those costs incurred for computer hardware and software, programming, systems and data conversation, and implementation. Expenditures for improvements to real property, such as upgrading electrical service or installing raised flooring to facilitate computerization are not eligible.
- (4) Any county wishing to make advance expenditures must submit a proposal to the Streamlined Registration Steering Committee prior to incurring any obligations. Proposals should be submitted by letter to Mr. Fred Porter, Administrator of the Office of Motor Vehicles, P. O. Box 1272, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. The proposal must describe the goods or services to be purchased, state the estimated costs, and explain the need for the expenditures. Written notice of both approved and disapproved expenditures will be provided to the counties. Upon delivery of the approved goods or services, invoices for payment must be submitted to the committee for review and approval before payment will be made. Approved expenditures are to be forwarded by the committee to the Revenue Services Division, Office of Financial and Management Services for payment from funds appropriated for such expenditures.
- (5) Questions should be directed to Mr. Porter at the address shown above or by calling (501) 682-4630.

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