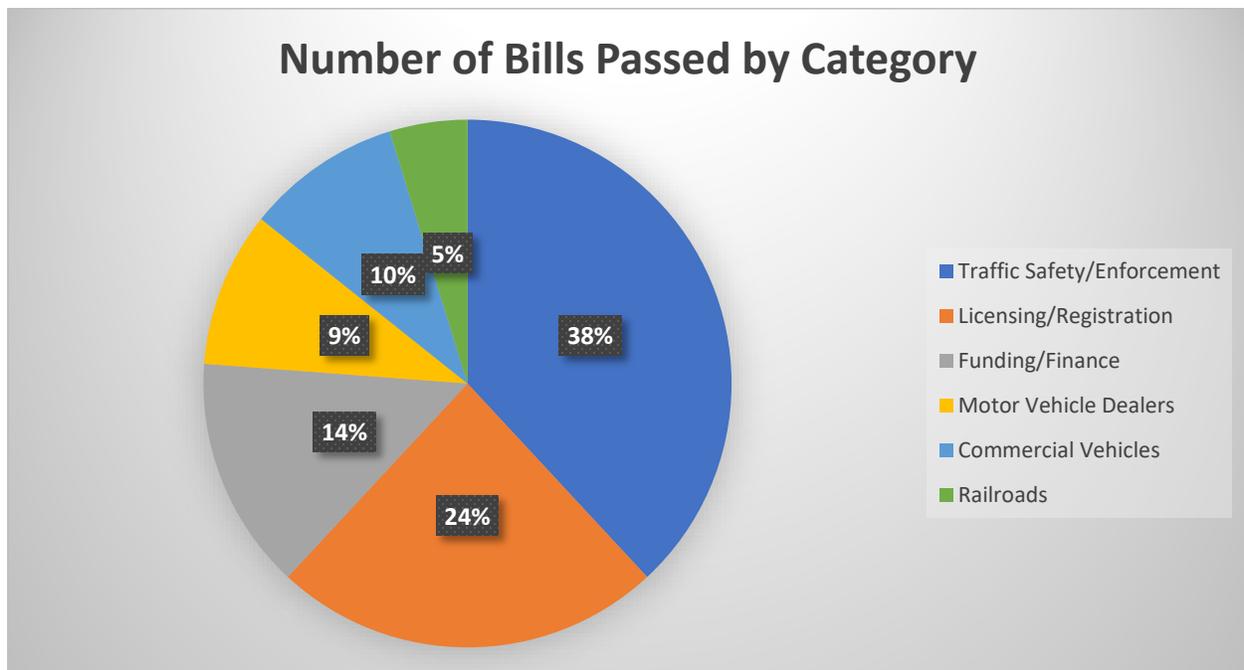


# 2022 Alabama Legislative Session Wrapup

## Overview

The 2022 Alabama Legislature's Regular Session convened on January 11, 2022, and adjourned on April 7, 2022. Twenty-one transportation-related bills were enacted out of the 64 transportation-related bills that were introduced. For this analysis, transportation-related bills were grouped into the following categories: traffic safety/enforcement, licensing/registration, funding/finance, motor vehicle dealers, commercial vehicles, and railroads (Figure 1). This report provides a listing and summary of the legislation that passed.

Figure 1: Transportation Legislation Passed by the Alabama Legislature in Regular Session 2022, Number of Bills by Category



## Legislation Passed, by Category

### Traffic Safety/Enforcement Legislation

[House Bill 37](#)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2022

**Author:** Meadows

Motor vehicles, autocycles, equipment required for operation, further provided

[House Bill 91](#)

**Effective Date:** April 13, 2022

**Author:** Ingram

Motor vehicles, license plates, county licensing official allowed to contract with a third party with county commission approval, materials provided for print-on-demand validation decals

[House Bill 273](#)

**Author:** Bedsole

**Effective Date:** Contingent upon ratification

Shelby County, motor vehicles, authorization to operate low-speed vehicles, provided

[House Bill 436](#)

**Author:** Sells

**Effective Date:** Contingent upon ratification

Butler County, golf carts, operation on public streets, municipality may authorize

[House Bill 504](#)

**Author:** Pettus

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2021

Motor vehicles and traffic, to authorize a law enforcement officer to remove disabled vehicles from a roadway and to provide immunity

[Senate Bill 154](#)

**Author:** Price

**Effective Date:** March 29, 2022

Motor vehicles, uniform vehicle width restriction, provided

[Senate Bill 207](#)

**Author:** Singleton

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2022

Criminal law, false or secret compartments on motor vehicles, prohibited

[Senate Bill 282](#)

**Author:** Gudger

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2022

Municipalities, to limit the amount of money a municipality may retain from fines and penalties generated from traffic tickets

## Licensing/Registration Legislation

[House Bill 91](#)

**Author:** Ingram

**Effective Date:** April 13, 2022

Motor vehicles, license plates, county licensing official allowed to contract with a third party with county commission approval, materials provided for print-on-demand validation decals

[House Bill 385](#)

**Author:** South

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2022

Drivers' licenses, exempting homeless children and youth from certain fees associated with drivers' licenses, Department of Public Safety rulemaking authority further provided

[House Bill 454](#)

**Author:** Lawrence

**Effective Date:** March 30, 2022

Wilcox County, motor vehicles, one-stop tag program by judge of probate

[House Bill 476](#)

**Author:** Estes

**Effective Date:** April 14, 2022

Marion County, Revenue Commissioner, motor vehicle tags, issue by mail and over the Internet, fees

[Senate Bill 298](#)

**Author:** Beasley

**Effective Date:** April 7, 2022

Bullock County, judge of probate, motor vehicle tags, issue by mail and over the Internet, fees

**Funding/Finance Legislation**

[House Bill 380](#)

**Author:** Easterbrook

**Effective Date:** April 15, 2022

Choctaw County, motor vehicle tags, Judge of Probate, additional issuance fee, distribution to Choctaw County Rescue Squad, advisory referendum

[Senate Bill 48](#)

**Author:** Whatley

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2023

Motor vehicle, financing and lease agreements, lease waiver agreements to pay deficiency balances at end of lease, motor vehicle value protection agreements to reduce deficiency balances

[Senate Bill 67](#)

**Author:** Chambliss

**Effective Date:** March 10, 2022

Federal Aid Highway Finance Authority, date for payment of principal and interest, further provided

**Motor Vehicle Dealers Legislation**

[House Bill 205](#)

**Author:** Blackshear

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2022

Motor vehicles, motor vehicle dealers, off-site sale requirements, further provided

[Senate Bill 52](#)

**Author:** Chesteen

**Effective Date:** June 1, 2022

Motor vehicle dealers, warranty service by dealers paid by manufacturers, reasonable compensation to be paid, determination procedures

**Commercial Vehicles Legislation**

[House Bill 262](#)

**Author:** Allen

**Effective Date:** April 4, 2022

Motor vehicles, commercial vehicles, trucks or truck tractors used by a farmer or to haul forest products and forest products management equipment

[Senate Bill 182](#)

**Author:** Livingston

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2022

Motor fuel, commercial law, operation of motor fuel retailers, certain protections from local regulation provided

**Railroads Legislation**

[House Bill 297](#)

**Author:** Scott

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2022

Railroad Modernization Act of 2019, to increase the annual cap on income tax credits and extend the sunset date for five years through tax year 2027

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