

2025 Alabama Legislative Session Summary



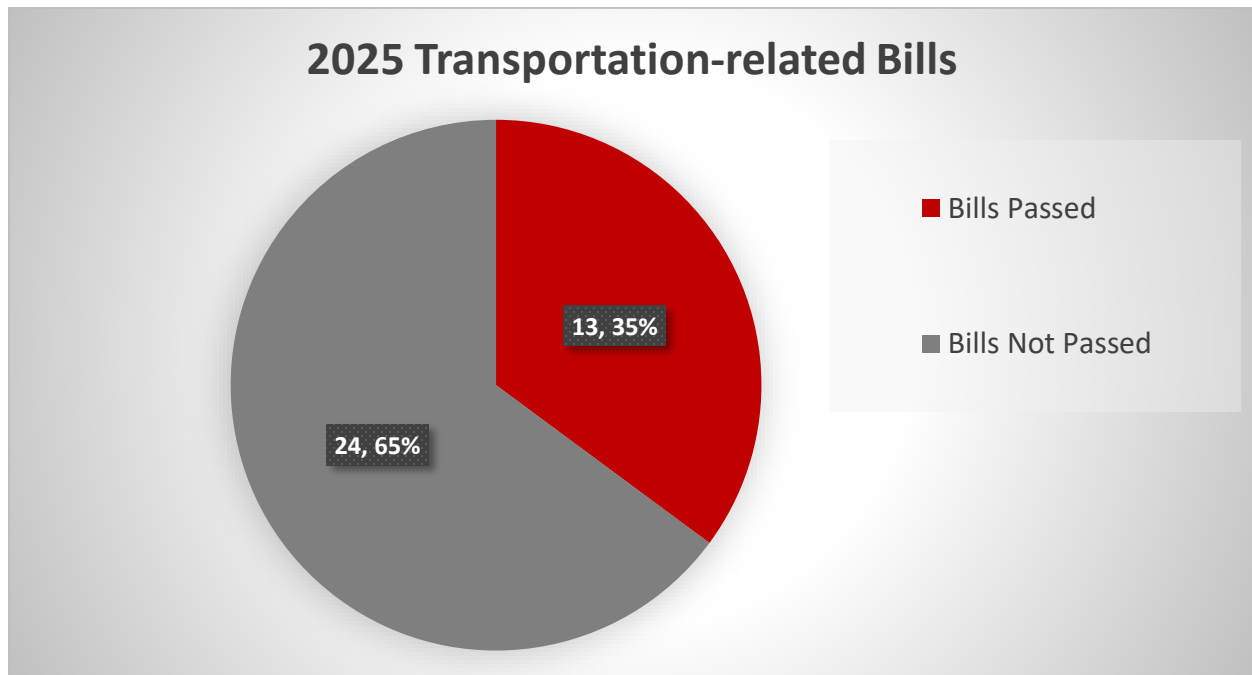
Overview

The 2025 Alabama Legislature's Regular Session convened on February 4, 2025, and adjourned on May 14, 2025.

Thirteen transportation-related bills were enacted out of the 55 transportation-related bills that were introduced during the session.

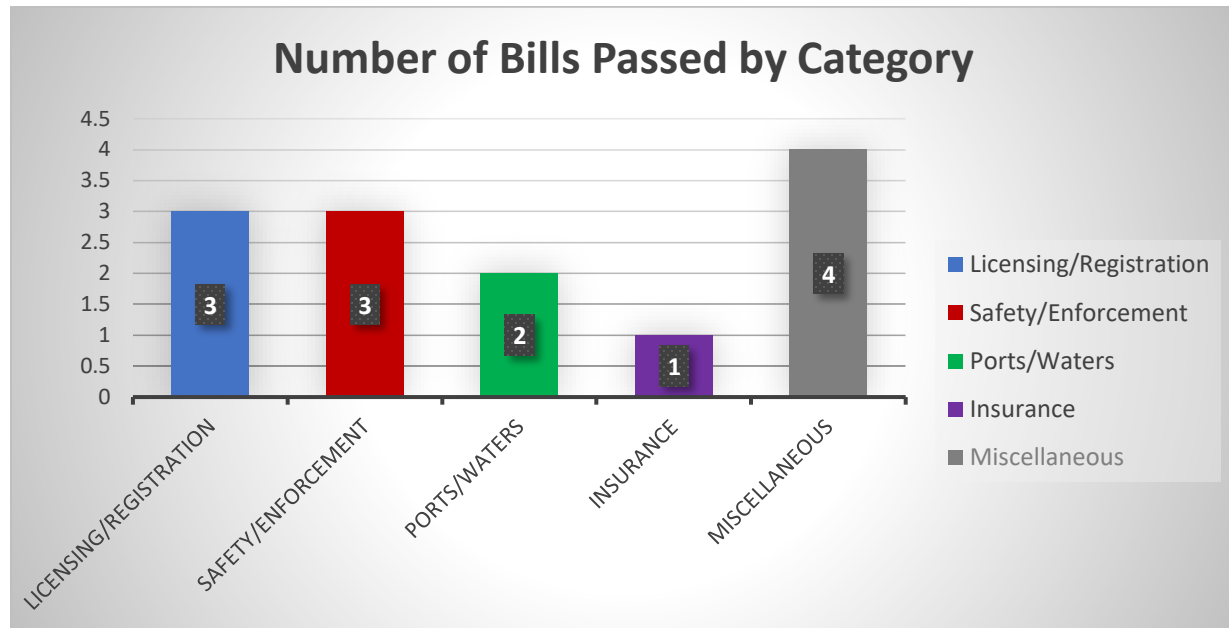
For this analysis, transportation-related bills were grouped into several different categories including licensing/regulation, safety/enforcement, ports/waterways, insurance, and miscellaneous.

Figure 1: 2025 Transportation-related Bills



Legislation Passed, by Category

Figure 2: Transportation Legislation Passed by the Alabama Legislature in Regular Session 2025, Number of Bills by Category



Licensing/Registration

[House Bill 134](#)

Author: Ingram

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Provides that half of the disbursement of fees or fines arising from driving without a valid license plate will be distributed to the entity employing the arresting officer. Increases the distribution of the proceeds from 50% to 100% for special access parking or disability parking violations when the citation is issued by an officer employed by a local law enforcement agency.

[House Bill 371](#)

Author: Ingram

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Levies an annual motor vehicle registration fee of \$25 for each vehicle registered in Elmore County. Ninety-five percent of the proceeds will be used for infrastructure, and five percent of the proceeds will be used for economic development.

[House Bill 378](#)

Author: Bolton

Effective Date: June 1, 2025

Authorizes the Pickens County Commission to levy an additional \$10 vehicle license and registration fee. The proceeds of the \$10 license and registration fee would be used for ambulance service in Pickens County.

The \$10 fee will only become effective if approved by the qualified electors who vote in a referendum election on the date of the first primary election in 2026. If the fee is not approved, this law will have no further effect.

Safety/Enforcement

[House Bill 506](#)

Author: Lovvorn

Effective Date: June 1, 2025

Provides that a publicly-owned off-road vehicle may be used as an authorized emergency vehicle if the vehicle meets the following requirements:

1. The vehicle has headlights and brake lights
2. The vehicle has shoulder harness seatbelts for each passenger
3. The vehicle is marked with the State, County, or Municipal agency name
4. The vehicle must have emergency lighting as required by Alabama law
5. The back of the vehicle must be marked with reflective, highly visible chevrons designed to reflect headlights and alert other drivers to its presence.

The off-road vehicle may only be operated for official purposes, including emergency response and training operations. The off-road vehicle must also be covered under the agency's insurance policy. The off-road vehicle that is designated an authorized emergency vehicle is exempt from all other licensing and equipment requirements.

[Senate Bill 110](#)

Author: Williams (J)

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Limits the number of trucks that can be pulled over and weighed using portable scales to 5 trucks at one time. Establishes an appeals process when portable scales are used and the vehicle is found to be in violation of the law if the operator of the vehicle believes the violation is based on inaccuracies of the portable scales. As part of the appeals process, the driver could weigh the truck at any scale certified by the Department of Agriculture and Industries within 100 highway miles of receiving notice of the violation. If the vehicle is found to be within the legal limits, the vehicle will not be in violation of the law.

[Senate Bill 238](#)

Author: Carnley

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Authorizes automated speed enforcement as a civil infraction in the Town of Kinston in Coffee County. The maximum amount for the civil fine is \$100. Municipal court costs may be collected as well. If an ordinance is adopted to allow automated speed enforcement, the Town of Kinston must post a sign at a minimum of five roadway entry points to the town to provide motorists with notice that automated photographic speeding enforcement systems are in use. Before operating an automated speed enforcement system, the Town must also make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign for at least 30 days before using the devices. The Town also must post signs warning of the use of an automated photographic device for speeding enforcement within 60 yards of every speed detection device used. Provides procedures to contest liability.

Ports/Waterways

[House Bill 93](#)

Author: Brown (C)

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Exempts all property used by the Alabama State Port Authority from the state personal property inventory and audit requirement.

[Senate Bill 171](#)

Author: Chambliss

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Prohibits individuals from operating motor vehicles on any land submerged by navigable or non-navigable waters. The first violation is a Class C misdemeanor, a second violation is a Class B misdemeanor, and a third or subsequent violation is a Class A misdemeanor. Exceptions are included for:

1. The operation of a motor vehicle on lands submerged below navigable or non-navigable waters while remaining on land that the operator of the motor vehicle owns or has permission to be upon.
2. The operation of a motor vehicle pursuant to written authorization from the Director of the State Lands Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
3. Any utility engaged in providing retail or wholesale electric service.

Insurance

[House Bill 148](#)

Author: Pettus

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Requires vehicles registered in another state to comply with the insurance requirements of the state where the vehicle is registered.

Miscellaneous

[House Bill 253](#)

Author: Colvin

Effective Date: (1) June 1, 2025 (2) September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2030.

- (1) Exempts the gross receipts from the lease of certain aircraft parts from the state lease or rental tax.
- (2) Exempts the gross receipts of certain aircraft and aircraft parts from state sales and use tax.

[House Bill 422](#)**Author:** Blackshear**Effective Date:** October 1, 2025

Repeals the law providing that a portion of Russell County's share of the state gasoline excise tax be allocated to the incorporated municipalities in Russell County.

[Senate Bill 96](#)**Author:** Carnley**Effective Date:** October 1, 2025

Enables Alabama vehicle owners to apply for a salvage certificate of title if their vehicle is declared a loss in any state.

[Senate Bill 311](#)**Author:** Carnley**Effective Date:** October 1, 2025

Emphasizes that electric transmission infrastructure is critical to Alabama's economic development, particularly in rural and underserved areas. Provides procedures for the prompt issuance of permits for the electric transmission infrastructure of electric providers in certain highway rights-of-way.

Selected Unpassed Bills

[House Bill 285](#)**Author:** Kiel

Would have required law enforcement to make a reasonable effort to notify the minor's emergency contact when citing a minor for traffic infractions, with certain exceptions.

[Senate Bill 11](#)**Author:** Coleman-Madison

Would have imposed an additional annual vehicle license tax and registration fee of \$5. The proceeds would have been distributed into the Alabama Public Transportation Fund to be used by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to increase public transportation across the state of Alabama.

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