

South Carolina Auctioneers' News

LLR S.C. Auctioneers' Commission E-Communication

Commission Meeting Dates for 2010

- May 17
- August 23
- November 15

Commission meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are open to the public. Meetings are held at the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia.

Visit the S.C. Auctioneers' Commission Website

A variety of valuable information can be found on the Commission's website at <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Auctioneers/>. Licensees can change an address, renew a license, review their profession's Laws and Regulations, see a list of Board members, obtain office contact information, review how a complaint is processed and view past meeting minutes. This is just a partial list of information provided on the Web site.



Online Services Available

Licensees can utilize the Commission's web [site https://verify.llronline.com](https://verify.llronline.com) to request license verifications (Letter of Good Standing). Requests are processed and mailed within seven to 10 business days. There is a \$20 fee for each license verification request.

The Online Services website also contains information on change of address requests, licensee lookup and online renewal information.

Continuing Education Required



Auctioneers are required to obtain eight hours of Commission-approved continuing education between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2011, in order to renew. Approved courses and providers are listed on the Commission's website at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/auctioneers/forms/continuing%20Education%20Seminars.pdf.

Auctioneers licensed in South Carolina by reciprocity may obtain continuing education that is approved by a reciprocal state licensing board. However, the CE must be obtained within the South Carolina timeframe of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011, in order to qualify.

Auction Firm License Requirement

S.C. Code of Laws, Section 40-6-20 defines auction firm as any business entity which engages in the business of conducting or offering to conduct auctions. Business entity means a partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other business association, excluding a sole proprietorship. Sole proprietorship is an auction business owned in its entirety by an auctioneer.

Know the Law About Selling Vehicles.

Auctioneers that sell vehicles at auction should be mindful of the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles Law, S.C. Code of Laws Section 56-15-10 <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t56c015.htm>.

Questions regarding the sale of motor vehicles may be directed to SCDMV at (803) 896-5000 or help@scdmvonline.com.

Some Ads Violating Law

During a meeting on August 18, 2008, the Auctioneers' Commission discussed the new trend in auction advertising in which printed ads, flyers and signs do not include the auctioneer name, auction firm or license number. The advertisements direct the public to a website for more details. The Commission voted that such an advertisement is a violation of law. S.C. Code of Regulations, Section 14-5, states all advertisements for an auction shall contain the name and license number of the auctioneer or firm conducting the auction. Every advertisement shall clearly indicate that it is the advertisement of an auctioneer or auction firm. Violations may include the imposition of a civil penalty.

All Employers Must Comply with S.C. Immigration Act by July 1, 2010

The "South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act" that was signed into law by Governor Mark Sanford on June 4, 2008 will soon be applicable to all businesses in South Carolina regardless of the number of employees.



Compliance with this law began July 1, 2009, for private employers who employ 100 or more employees. For private employers who employ less than 100 employees, the compliance date is July 1, 2010.

The law requires all employers to verify the legal status of new employees and prohibits employment of any worker who is not legally in this country and authorized to work. The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Office of Immigrant Worker Compliance is charged with investigating complaints and conducting random audits of private employers to assure compliance. Failure to comply can result in severe monetary penalties and revocation of an employer's right to operate their business.

During the first year, LLR investigators found that most large employers (more than 100 workers) were in compliance with the law. When violations were found they generally were because

- employers who were using E-Verify to verify their employees, did not do so within the five-day timeframe required by the law.
- employers who were using driver's licenses to verify employees, did so using a driver's license from a state not on the approved list.

For more information on the law, visit www.llronline.com/immigration/.

Wallet Cards are Available for LLR Licensees



The S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) has heard from many licensees that they would like a wallet card identifying them as licensed in their chosen occupation or profession, and we listened.

Licensees now have the capability through LLR's Website to download and print a wallet card as a courtesy. The cards can be printed from your printer at your convenience, and you will need Adobe Reader installed on your PC to view and print the card. For best results, use card stock instead of copy paper to print a more durable card.

Instructions to Print Your Wallet Card

- Go to <https://verify.llronline.com>.
- Click on the "Print License Card" link on the left of the screen.
- Login with your username and password or last five digits of SSN and last name/company name.
- Click Login.
- A list of all active licenses will appear on screen.
- Click the PDF icon to the right for the license you want to print.
- The wallet card will open in a new Adobe Reader window.
- Print the wallet card.
- Logout.