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More Taxes, More Applications Added to ADOR's Electronic Filing and Online Services

Montgomery—"It's all about making the process easier," said State Revenue Commissioner Julie P. Magee. "The process being tax filing and online license applications," explained Magee. "We are always looking for ways to improve, cut costs, and above all, make all of our filing and application processes easier for taxpayers."

According to Magee, the latest efforts include moving the majority of the remaining business taxes to an electronic filing platform and transitioning the annual Motor Vehicle Regulatory, Automotive Dismantler & Parts Recycler, and Buyer's Identification (BID) Card license application/renewal processes to Web-based electronic systems.

In September, the Alabama Uniform Severance Tax, Coal Severance Tax, Forest Severance Tax, Iron Ore Tax, Coosa County Local Solid Mineral Tax, Jackson County Local Solid Mineral Tax, Dog Track Pari-Mutuel Pool Tax, State Horse Wagering Fee, Hazardous Waste Fee, and Solid Waste Fee will join the department's electronic filing lineup.

Notices sent in June advised affected taxpayers of the department's plan to move this group of taxes to an electronic filing platform and provided guidance concerning the new registration and tax-filing procedures for this group of taxpayers. [View a copy of the <u>Notice</u>.]

In the online service area, Magee said the department's decision to move the Motor Vehicle Regulatory License application and renewal process, as well as the Automotive Dismantler & Parts Recycler License and BID Card application and renewal processes exclusively to Web-based electronic systems, effective this September, will make the entire licensing process much more efficient and easier for this group of taxpayers.

"The turnaround time on license processing and issuance will be improved, as many of the manual processing steps will be eliminated," said Magee. "In 2007, the department moved its Certificate of Motor Vehicle Title application process to an online process and saw dramatic improvements in turnaround times on title issuance, as well as significant decreases in title application errors. We expect similar results in these areas."

Annually, the ADOR issues over 4,500 Motor Vehicle Regulatory licenses, over 750 Automotive Dismantler & Parts Recycler licenses, and over 1,800 BID cards. Licenses and BID cards both expire on September 30 each year.

"So many of the positive things we are doing here in Revenue go 'under the radar,' so to speak, but to the taxpayers affected, these things really are important. It's all about making the process simpler and easier, so that our business taxpayers will spend less time working on tax and licensure matters and have more time to focus on their business endeavors," said Magee.

For more information about Alabama's severance and fee-related taxes, visit the department's Business and License Tax Division web page at http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/severancetax/taxes.html.

For more information about the department's online Motor Vehicle Regulatory License application/renewal process, visit the department's Motor Vehicle Division web page at http://revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/dealer-faq.html.

For more information about the department's online Automotive Dismantler & Parts Recycler License and BID Card, visit the department's Business and License Tax Division web page at http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/licenses/dismantler.html.

For more information about Alabama's hazardous waste, solid waste and pari-mutuel fees and taxes, visit the department's Business and License Tax Division web page at http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/tobaccotax/taxes.html.

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