

Alabama Department of Revenue

News Release

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Alabama Tax Return Form 40A Error

Montgomery—The Alabama Department of Revenue issued an immediate taxpayer advisory today urging Alabama taxpayers who were mailed an Alabama Form 40A (Short Return) to note an error on Part IV of the Alabama return.

Taxpayers who plan to file a PAPER Alabama Form 40A Return are urged to download a corrected form from the department's Web site at www.ador.state.al.us and use this form instead.

The printed Form 40A Returns mailed to taxpayers and to various public distribution sites contain the error noted in Part IV of the return. The online Form 40A has been corrected. Taxpayers who filed electronically or who plan to file electronically are not included in this advisory.

Part IV Line Item 1 directs taxpayers to copy certain line item amounts from the particular federal return they filed to their Alabama Form 40A Return. **The line item referencing the Federal Form 1040A is not the correct line item number. The incorrect version reads: "Enter the amount from line 33." The correct direction is: "Enter the amount from line 36."**

Through April 8, 2004, over 47,000 Alabama taxpayers have filed Alabama Form 40A returns.

"We sincerely regret any inconvenience and confusion this error has caused. All Alabama Form 40A paper-filed returns will be reviewed to ensure no overpayments or underpayments by taxpayers occurred as a result of this error. As we are in the last stretch of the filing season, our immediate concern now is to get the word out to taxpayers who have not yet filed and make them aware of this error," explained State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees.