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Tsunami Relief Contributions Deductible on 2004 State Return

Montgomery, Ala.—Alabama taxpayers who itemize deductions on their state income tax returns may claim charitable donations made during January 2005 to the victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami on their 2004 Alabama returns, according to the Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR).

Charitable contributions are deductible for the year in which they are actually made; however, a new federal law enacted Jan. 7, 2005, allows tsunami relief donations made during January 2005 to be deducted on individuals' federal tax returns as if the donations were made on Dec. 31, 2004.

Alabama's income tax laws regarding the deductibility of charitable donations, §40-18-15(a)(10), *Code of Alabama 1975*, are tied directly to the recently amended federal income tax code section, prompting Alabama to follow suit.

For more information concerning the deductibility of the contributions made to the Indian Ocean tsunami relief victims, visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.ustreas.gov.

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