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Quarterly Income Tax Withholding Reporting Date Changed

Montgomery, June 21, 1999—All Alabama employers are reminded that the state quarterly income tax withholding return and payment date has changed from the 15th day of the month to the end of the month following the close of the reporting quarter, advises State Revenue Commissioner James P. Hayes Jr.

“Legislation passed during the 1999 legislative session reinstated the quarterly return filing and tax payment date to its original date, prior to Jan. 1, 1999. As a result, the July 1999 quarterly return and payment will now be due on July 31, 1999, and not on July 15,” explained Hayes.

“In 1998, legislation was passed which inadvertently amended the quarterly income tax withholding return filing and payment date from the end of the month, to the 15th of the month, beginning with the April 1999 quarterly return and payment. Corrective legislation was passed during the 1999 session, Act 99-367, which reinstated the original quarterly filing and payment dates. Act 99-367 became law on June 9, 1999, and has a Jan. 1, 1999, retroactive effective date,” said Hayes.

The quarterly return is required of all Alabama employers. Quarterly return due dates and their corresponding reporting periods are: **January 31** (for taxes withheld during October, November and December); **April 30** (January, February, March); **July 31** (April, May, June); and **October 31** (July, August, September).

The recently passed legislation did not affect any monthly reporting requirements or filing dates of employers who are required to file monthly income

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tax withholding returns and remit taxes withheld from their employees' wages on a monthly basis.

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