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BMV FEE INCREASES TO TAKE EFFECT OCTOBER 1

Increases Part of House Bill 2, Support Ohio State Highway Patrol

(COLUMBUS) – House Bill 2 (the Transportation Budget), which was passed on March 30, 2009, included a number of fee increases that impact the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). Some of these changes took effect July 1, 2009 and the remainder will take effect Oct. 1, 2009.

Fees that are increasing Oct. 1 are: **Vision Screening Fee** (increase of \$1.75, impacts all operator license renewal transactions including standard driver license, commercial driver license and motorcycle endorsement), **Temporary Tag Fee** (increase of \$8), **Registration for Personalized Plates** (increase of \$15) and **Registration for Initial Reserve Plates** (increase of \$15). In addition to these changes, a \$20 fee has been added for all late license and vehicle registration renewals.

The BMV began notifying customers of these changes on July 1, 90 days in advance, through notifications on the standard mail-in renewal notices sent to each customer with a vehicle registered in his or her name.

These changes in Ohio law are not meant to pass additional burden on to BMV customers, but to fill growing funding gaps for critical public safety services. While the BMV collects and administers these fees, the funds support the operations of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Fees for driver licensing and vehicle registration support the Patrol because those driving on Ohio's highways are most likely to directly benefit from the services of the Patrol.

Please go to: www.bmv.ohio.gov to review the total cost for each transaction impacted by these changes. The information is located in several different places, including: "Fees for Services," "Vehicle Registration and License Plate," click on Vehicle Registration Fees," and is updated on OPLATES for those customers renewing their registrations online.

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