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MAINTENANCE TO NATIONAL BMV VERIFICATION SYSTEMS PLANNED FOR SATURDAY MARCH 26

Work Will Prevent BMV from Issuing Licenses Saturday

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and its customers will be affected on Saturday, March 26 by a scheduled maintenance and upgrade which will temporarily prevent the issuance of driver licenses and commercial driver licenses at the more than 200 BMV deputy registrar agency locations statewide.

The maintenance and upgrade, required by federal law, will be performed by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). AAMVA acts as a portal through which all states must access federal databases in order to verify information before being allowed to issue any driver license (DL) and commercial driver license (CDL).

The maintenance will begin at 3:00 a.m., EDT, on Saturday, March 26, 2011 and will last approximately until 8:00 a.m., Monday, March 28, 2011. During that time, service connections to the Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS) and Problem Driver Pointer System (PDPS) will be unavailable.

PDPS is used to search the National Driver Registry (NDR), a repository of information on problem drivers provided by all U.S. jurisdictions. Based on information received as a result of an NDR search, PDPS will "point" the inquiring jurisdiction to the State of Record(s) (SOR), where an individual's driver status and history information is stored. Based on the information received from the SOR(s), the issuing state will decide if the applicant is eligible to receive a new license or renew his/her driver license.

Mandated by the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, states must be connected to CDLIS and the NDR in order to exchange information about commercial motor vehicle drivers, traffic convictions, and disqualifications. A state must use both CDLIS and NDR to check a driver's record, and CDLIS to make certain that the applicant does not already have a CDL.

Customers who have driver license and/or commercial license March 26, 2011 expiration dates approaching, are strongly encouraged to renew ahead of time. Customers are also encouraged to call ahead to their local BMV Deputy Registrar Agency before driving to the location on Saturday, since it is possible that their transaction may not be able to be processed.

The Ohio BMV apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause; however system maintenance and upgrading of the national system must be done at the national level periodically to ensure that all states are able to issue driver licenses and identification cards.

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