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OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES REINSTATEMENT SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE BY PHONE

COLUMBUS – Effective immediately, Ohioans will now be able to pay suspension reinstatement fees via phone by calling the Automated Telephone System 1-866-OPLATES. This service was previously only available by mail, online or in person at a reinstatement center. Mail-in, online and services at a reinstatement center are still options; the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is now offering the 1-866-OPLATES payment as an additional service.

The link to pay reinstatement fees online is available at www.oplates.com. You may also access the link from the front page of the BMV Web site at: www.bmv.ohio.gov.

In order to pay online or by calling 1-866-OPLATES:

- The reinstatement fee must be \$25.00 or more (previously it had to be \$30.00 or more).
- The **fee must be paid with check only** by entering the nine digit routing number and the account number at the bottom of the check.

While the payment can be made online, and will be posted immediately, all other reinstatement requirements such as court appearances, clearing suspensions in other states, community service or filing of proof of insurance must also be completed before the BMV can restore full driving privileges. If all of these requirements have been met, the driver will be given notification online at the time the payment is made and will receive follow up in the mail.

Ohio Revised Code requires the BMV to suspend driver licenses under a variety of circumstances including: an OVI (operating a vehicle while impaired) Conviction, a court-ordered vehicle immobilization or forfeiture, a court warrant block, the accumulation of 12 points on a driving record, failure to pay child support and failure to show proof of financial responsibility (insurance).

Reinstatement requirements differ depending on what type of suspension the driver is under.

For more information on this or other BMV services including locating a reinstatement center or looking up reinstatement requirements, log onto www.bmv.ohio.gov.

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