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NEW ACTING DIRECTOR FOR THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Kurt Myers, who has been appointed as Acting Deputy Secretary of Safety Administration, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Anita Wasko to the position of Acting Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles effective April 13, 2007.

Mrs. Wasko has 18 years of service with the Department of Transportation, of which approximately six years have been spent as the Director of Driver and Vehicle Program Services.

CLARIFICATION OF PA ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR LEASED VEHICLES

There seems to be confusion with regards to the Pennsylvania Address Requirement for Leased Vehicles; more specifically, whether the leasing company or the lessee completes Form MV-8. At any time an out-of-state address is requested for a leased vehicle, whether it is the leasing company or the lessee, a decision of who owns the registration plate must be made to determine if Form MV-8, "Self Certification of Residency," is required.

If block 0, 1 or 5 is checked on the MV-1L form, or if the vehicle record has a "O" as the first designation in the lessee field, this indicates the leasing company owns the registration plate. If the leasing company is requesting to use an out-of-state address, the company must complete and qualify for an exemption on Form MV-8. This is regardless of whether the lessee is using a Pennsylvania address or not.

If block 2, 6 or 7 is checked on the MV-1L form, or if the vehicle record has an "L" as the first designation in the lessee field, this indicates the lessee owns the registration plate. If the lessee is requesting to use a Pennsylvania address, no MV-8 form is required. However, if the lessee is requesting to use an out-of-state address, the lessee must complete and qualify for an exemption on Form MV-8.

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP CLARIFICATION

This is to provide further clarification for identification procedures when joint owners are titling/registering a vehicle in Pennsylvania.

When joint owners are establishing residency in Pennsylvania, both owners are required to follow the Pennsylvania identification requirements in order to title and register their vehicle in Pennsylvania.

However, if the vehicle is being titled in Pennsylvania to joint owners and one owner has established residency and obtained Pennsylvania identification and the other owner continues to live in another jurisdiction with out-of-state identification, the Pennsylvania identification and the out-of-state identification are acceptable. Please note: the address listed must be that of the Pennsylvania resident and the vehicle is being titled and registered for use by the Pennsylvania resident.

ACT 159 UPDATE

On November 29, 2006, House Bill 2133 was signed into law.

The following change took effect January 28, 2007:

- ❖ The operator of a vehicle upon a highway shall display the lighted head lamps and other lamps and illuminating devices required for different classes of vehicles, at the following times:

- (1) Between sunset and sunrise.

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- (2) Anytime when the operator cannot discern a person or vehicle upon the highway from a distance of 1,000 feet due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including rain, snow, sleet, hail, fog, smoke or smog.
- (3) Anytime when the vehicle's windshield wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to precipitation or atmospheric moisture, including rain, snow, sleet or mist.

**PENNSYLVANIA CLEAN VEHICLE
PROGRAM UPDATE**

This is an update to information you have already received regarding the processing rules for title applications of model year 2008 and newer vehicles. As PennDOT learns more about this program, we will continue to update you with this information so that customer applications can be accepted and/or processed correctly.

Recently an MCO/MSO for a 2008 Mitsubishi was received by a AAA office for processing that carried the following notation:

EMISSIONS: FEDERAL

As it turns out, this is a notation that identifies this vehicle as not meeting the CARB certification requirement for Pennsylvania's program. These applications are to be rejected by our partners and the Department unless the applicant qualifies for an exemption, which requires completion and submittal of a Form MV-9.

The following are acceptable certification notations for model year 2008 or newer Mitsubishi vehicles:

EMISSIONS: CALIFORNIA

or

EMISSIONS: 50 STATE

BMV FORMS NOTIFICATION

Effective July 1, 2007, PennDOT will require all agent services to pay shipping and handling charges for the **mailing** of form orders. Form MV-511B is being revised to include the price of shipping and handling on the amount of forms being ordered and only those forms that can be ordered. All other forms should continue to be downloaded from our Web site.

All form orders to be mailed, received on or after July 1, 2007, without the shipping and handling fee will not be filled. Please be advised that form orders may still be picked up at the the Department or may still be carried through a messenger service and no shipping and handling fee will be charged.

NOTE: The Department reserves the right to limit orders of forms according to quantities ordered.

We will provide further updates as we move toward the July 1st deadline.

UPDATED BMV FORMS

The following forms have been created or revised and have been updated on our Web site:

Form MV-6 has been revised and now has an edition date of 2-07.

Form MV-9 has been created and has an edition date of 2-07.

Form MV-219 has been revised and now has an edition date of 1-07.

Form MV-353 has been revised and now has an edition date of 1-07.

Form MV-550 has been revised and now has an edition date of 1-07.

As we move forward with the .centric project, motor vehicle forms will continue to be revised. In order to capture information that will be required in the .centric system, you will notice additional information required on motor vehicle forms, such as the applicant's Pennsylvania Driver's license or Pennsylvania Photo Identification Number. We will continue to provide updates in the Driver and Vehicle Services Update bulletin on form revisions.