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# Driver and Vehicle Services Update

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## SPECIAL EDITION

### Reminder: Act 89 – Fee for Local Use – Participating Counties

This bulletin rescinds and replaces the bulletin you received on January 18, 2019.

Act 89, which became law on November 25, 2013, established a special fund within the state treasury called “Fee for Local Use Fund.” As of January 1, 2015, a county may pass an ordinance to implement a fee of \$5 for each vehicle registered to an address located in that county. The \$5 county fee is collected by PennDOT at the time a vehicle is registered. These funds will be used by the county for transportation purposes or be allocated by the county in accordance with Section 9010(c) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. This \$5 county fee is in addition to the registration fee.

The following county has passed an ordinance to implement the \$5 fee:

- Luzerne County – Effective January 18, 2019

As you are aware, customers have already received invitations to renew for January, February and March expiries. The effective date of the law did not allow for a transition period, so consequently, these renewal invitations did not include the fee for local use for Luzerne County. As a result, the \$5 fee for local use must be collected for any initial issuance of registration or registration that expire January 2019 or later, that is paid on or after January 18, 2019.

If the \$5 fee is required but not paid and the application is dated **prior** to January 18, 2019, the application will be processed without the \$5 fee as the application was submitted prior to the effective date. If the application is dated **on or after** January 18, 2019, the application will be processed without the \$5 fee for local use and correspondence will be sent to the customer requiring payment of the county fee prior to the next registration transaction.

You may receive customer inquiries related to the delay in receiving invitation to renew notices for April 2019 expiries. The invitations to renew with an April 2019 will be deployed after the effective date of the law. This delay will allow the invitation to renew notice to reflect the appropriate fee due for Luzerne County registrants.

PennDOT maintains a list of participating counties on the fact sheet, “Fee for Local Use - Participating Counties,” available on the Driver and Vehicle Services website. Agents must check the fact sheet each time they complete Forms MV-1, MV-4ST, MV-120, or MV-140 for a customer requesting issuance, renewal or transfer of registration for any vehicle to verify if the customer’s county of residence is participating in the “Fee for Local Use.” If the county is participating, the agent must enter the \$5 county fee in the appropriate section of the form.

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