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Taxing Districts:

Beginning with 2004 commercial vehicle registrations, a new Ohio law permits commercial truck owners to stagger the registration of their vehicles over the year. The new registration system may cause some taxing districts and counties to experience fluctuations in license and permissive tax revenues.

In the past, all commercial vehicles expired on May 31st of each year. During next year's commercial vehicle registration season, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will begin implementing staggered registration for all commercial trucks and trailers. All vehicles in this category will be assigned a primary registration month based on their tax identification number or Social Security number.

Options will be available to the applicant to reduce financial hardships:

- Applicants registering more than one vehicle may choose to register their vehicles in up to four pre-assigned months; and
- Applicants whose pre-assigned month results in more than a twelve-month registration may choose to renew for a minimum of six months and return in November 2004 to pay the remainder.

Once the new registration month is assigned for that vehicle, it will remain the same as long as the owner/lessee owns or leases the vehicle.

As a result of staggering commercial registrations and the options provided to commercial vehicle registrants, we want you to be aware and plan ahead for any fluctuations you might see in your license and permissive tax revenue during 2004. We encourage you to talk to any commercial trucking companies located in your taxing district to find out what the company's plans are for staggered registration.

If you have any questions, please contact Marji Hyden, Chief of the Tax Distribution Section of the BMV at 614-752-7685. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Franklin Caltrider, Registrar
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Mission Statement

"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."