

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX ABATEMENTS

*****TWO PROOFS ARE REQUIRED TO ADJUST ANY MOTOR VEHICLE BILL*****

The **FIRST PROOF** that you must submit is the plate return receipt from the Registry of Motor Vehicles indicating that the registration was cancelled OR new registration showing new vehicle. Plates can be cancelled online at www.massrmv.com.

The **SECOND PROOF** that you must provide is **ONE** of the following:

If Sold: A copy of the Bill of Sale or a copy of the front & back of the transferred title (showing to whom & when transferred, as well as the year, make, model & VIN#).

If Traded-In: A copy of the new vehicle purchase agreement identifying the trade-in vehicle.

If Donated: A copy of the **Donation Letter** showing the vehicle, VIN# & date the vehicle was donated.

If Moved from Town: Proof of residency prior to Jan. 1 of the year of the bill; e.g. utility bill, voter registration receipt, lease (moving to another town during the calendar year does not entitle you to an abatement). **You must notify the Registry of Motor Vehicles within 30 days of your move. Not updating your address with the RMV can result in a denial of abatement and future bills issued by incorrect towns.**

If Registered Out of State: A copy of the **Out of State Registration** showing the date the vehicle was first registered.

If Stolen: A copy of the settlement statement from your insurance company indicating the vehicle was stolen and not recovered. You must cancel plates by filing a Form C19 "Lost Plate Affidavit for Cancellation of Registration" with the RMV.

If Totaled: A copy of the settlement statement from the insurance company. If you do not have the plate then you must file a Form C19 "Lost Plate Affidavit for Cancellation of Registration" with the RMV.

If Junked: A receipt from junkyard showing the vehicle VIN # and date vehicle was junked.

If Repossessed: A letter from the lienholder re-possessing the vehicle, giving the date of re-possession. You must cancel plates by filing a Form C19 "Lost Plate Affidavit for Cancellation of Registration" with the RMV.

ALL PROOFS MUST BE SIGNED, DATED AND HAVE THE MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION INCLUDING THE V.I.N. NUMBER

THE MINIMUM MOTOR VEHICLE ABATEMENT WHICH MAY BE MADE IS \$5.00

DEADLINE FOR FILING EXCISE TAX ABATEMENT IS 3 YEARS AFTER THE EXCISE IS DUE OR 1 YEAR AFTER THE EXCISE IS PAID WHICH EVER IS LATER