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Corrected - County Fee for Local Use – Transfer Notice

Act 89, which became law on November 25, 2013, established a special fund within the state treasury called “Local Use Fund.” Counties may pass an ordinance to implement a fee of \$5 for each non-exempt vehicle registered to an address located in that county. This \$5 county fee is in addition to the registration fee. The \$5 county fee has been collected by PennDOT at the time a vehicle is registered or renewed.

This notification is to correct the information you received on July 27, 2017. Please note, the effective is July 31, 2017. As indicated previously the \$5 county fee will not only apply to initial issuance and renewal of registration, but also to the transfer of registration. The department has determined that Vehicle Code Section 1935 provides that the fee for local use is imposed by ordinance “for each nonexempt vehicle registered to an address located in the county.” The department collects the fee “at the time a vehicle is registered.” The fee is imposed on the vehicle and not the registration plate. Accordingly, a vehicle being registered when an existing registration and registration plate are transferred to the vehicle under Section 1935. Any customer transferring a registration plate to a non-exempt vehicle will be required to pay the \$5 Fee for Local Use, in addition to any other required fees.

In addition, if a customer is doing a straight transfer prior to July 31, 2017, the \$5 Fee for Local Use should not be charged at that time. If a customer is doing a transfer and renewal with an expiry after July 2017 or later, the \$5 Fee for Local Use must be charged. After July 31, 2017, the \$5 Fee for Local Use must be charged at the time of initial registration, renewal and transfer.

Please ensure the \$5 Fee for Local Use is collected at the time of initial registration, renewal or **transfer**. For a complete listing of counties that have currently enacted a fee for local use ordinance, please refer to the “[Fee for Local Use - Participating Counties](#)” Fact Sheet on our website www.dmv.pa.gov.

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