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The Commonwealth Business License Information Exchange Program, created by Governor Edward G. Rendell with Executive Order 2006-03, as administered by the Department of Revenue, ensures that individuals and businesses licensed by the state do not have unpaid state taxes. The executive order required the Secretary of Revenue to establish a Business License Information Exchange Committee to oversee the program. The committee consists of representatives from the Departments of Revenue and Labor and Industry as well as the Office of General Counsel.

Under the Business License Information Exchange Program, state agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction will provide the Department of Revenue with information regarding the issuance or renewal of licenses, permits and registrations. The Department of Revenue will then verify that the entities seeking licenses, permits or registrations are compliant with their state tax obligations.

In addition to pursuing collection action against non-compliant taxpayers, Revenue will notify licensing agencies whenever it determines that a prospective licensee has a state tax delinquency. To the extent permitted by law, the licensing agencies shall impose appropriate enforcement action against prospective licensees for failure to comply with state tax laws.

The Insurance Department is working with the Department of Revenue on this important program. Licensees, both individual and business entities, that are deemed non-compliant with state taxes will be contacted in writing and advised of the process to remedy their specific issues with the Department of Revenue. An initial review indicates that approximately $9,400,000.00 in tax delinquencies are on record for licensees of the Insurance department.

The information exchange program will encourage economic growth by creating a level playing field for businesses. It will also help ensure that, whenever possible, the Commonwealth does not issue a license, permit or registration to an entity that has failed to pay its taxes.

Questions concerning this program are to be directed to Kathy Watson, Business License Clearance Section, Department of Revenue, by email at kwatson@state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-772-2977.