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Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Relief

In August of 2017, the Rhode Island General Assembly enacted legislation to phase out the motor vehicle excise tax over the next six years beginning in fiscal year 2018. In year one, the amended legislation reduces motor vehicles from 100% of value to 95% of value, and applies a \$500 value limit to vehicles older than 15 years. Formerly, vehicles were taxed at \$500 only after 25 years.

The legislation was passed after the start of the fiscal year 2018 and after the 2017 tax bills were sent out. The tax bills that were mailed in June were based on the previous legislation and do not reflect the year one phase out which will result in savings to the taxpayers.

Who is affected and how:

Any taxpayer who received a 2017 motor vehicle tax bill will have a reduction on their tax bill.

What to expect:

Taxpayers will receive communication in the mail regarding their revised bill.

For taxpayers who still have a balance remaining, you will receive a notice in the mail around October 19, 2017 with the new tax along with a page of paystubs which will reflect the revised amounts due in each quarter going forward. Please use these stubs for purposes of paying your bill.

For taxpayers who have a credit balance remaining, you will receive a notice in the mail with the revised billing along with a check refunding your overpayment. These will be sent out in November 2017.

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