



INFORMATION NOTICE

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

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SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Changes Effective July 1, 2024	

Overview:

The Florida Department of Revenue has announced motor vehicle sales tax changes effective July 1, 2024, as a result of changes to the Hope Scholarship program.

Details:

Changes to Hope Scholarship Program

Effective July 1, 2024, the Hope Scholarship program has merged with the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Purchasers of motor vehicles will continue to have the opportunity to make a contribution of up to \$105 per vehicle to an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization and receive a credit against the state sales tax due at the time of purchasing or registering a motor vehicle in Florida.

The form Hope Scholarship Program Contribution Election – DR-HS1 has been revised to [Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Credit Contribution Election – DR-HS1 \(R.07/24\)](#). Continue to offer the form to each customer before sales tax is paid.

Discretionary Sales Surtax on Sales of Boats and Trailers

Effective July 1, 2024, a vessel and a vessel trailer that are sold to the same purchaser, at the same time, and included on the same invoice are considered a single item for determining the amount of discretionary sales surtax (local sales tax) due.

The discretionary sales surtax rate that applies to the sale is the surtax rate for the county in which the purchaser resides, as identified on the title and registration.

- **Example Calculation of State Sales Tax and Discretionary Sales Surtax:**

A registered vessel dealer located in County A, a Florida county imposing a 1% surtax, sells a vessel and vessel trailer with a total sales price of \$55,000 to a purchaser who takes delivery of the vessel and vessel trailer at the dealer's business location in County A on the same date. The purchaser's address on the title and registration is located in County B, which imposes a surtax rate of 1.5%.

The dealer is required to collect Florida's 6% state sales tax rate on \$55,000 and County B's surtax rate of 1.5% on \$5,000.

The maximum amount of sales tax (state and discretionary sales surtax) imposed on the sale of a vessel remains at \$18,000.

Conclusion:

If you need additional information, please contact your next level of management or the Field Support Center.