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Bulletin

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Illinois Department of Revenue To Begin Collecting Private Party Vehicle Use Tax on Behalf of Local Governments

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To: License and Title Agencies and Electronic Registration and Title Program Vendors

This bulletin explains the changes resulting from the agreement by the Illinois Department of Revenue to collect and administer locally imposed private party vehicle use taxes on behalf of local governments.

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Beginning July 1, 2015, the Illinois Department of Revenue will begin administering private party vehicle use taxes on behalf of certain local governments. For vehicles titled or registered prior to July 1st, any applicable local private party vehicle use tax is administered by the local government.

What local governments' private party vehicle use taxes will the Department administer?

Currently, the Department has agreements with the City of Chicago and Cook County to administer their local private party vehicle use taxes but may formulate future agreements with other counties and municipalities. We have developed a reference guide (RUT-6, Form RUT-50 Reference Guide) that lists the locally imposed private party vehicle use taxes the Department currently administers, which is available on the Department's website at tax.illinois.gov.

Will there be changes to any existing tax forms?

Yes. We have revised Form RUT-50, Private Party Vehicle Use Tax Transaction Return, to allow for county and municipal private party vehicle use taxes to be reported with the Illinois Private Party Vehicle Use Tax. This current revision must be used for all private party vehicle transactions, beginning July 1st.

Can I continue to use a prior revision of Form RUT-50 or make a copy of a previously filed Form RUT-50, rather than use the new revised return?

No. You must use the R-07/15 Form RUT-50 beginning July 1, 2015, and stop using prints you may have on hand of any prior revision of Form RUT-50. Also, do not make copies of Form RUT-50 to use for other transactions. This return has a unique transaction number that should not be duplicated. Sending multiple returns with the same transaction number could delay processing of those returns.

How do I determine the amount of local private party vehicle use tax to report?

RUT-6, Form RUT-50 Reference Guide, includes charts for the locally imposed private party vehicle use taxes the Department administers. Use RUT-6 to determine the correct amount of county or municipal private party vehicle use tax to report on Form RUT-50.

What if the item qualifies for an exception to the standard amount of Illinois tax or if the item is exempt from Illinois tax?

If the item reported on Form RUT-50 qualifies for an exception to the normal Illinois Private Party Vehicle Use Tax amount or qualifies as exempt from Illinois Private Party Vehicle Use Tax, the item also may qualify for an exception or exemption under the local private party vehicle use tax ordinance. Exception and exemption information is found in RUT-6. Use this publication to determine the correct amount of county or municipal private party vehicle use tax to report on Form RUT-50 in such a situation.

How do I determine whether the local private party vehicle use tax applies?

If the purchaser's address, as it appears on the Illinois title or registration application, is within the jurisdiction of a local government that imposes a private party vehicle use tax the Department administers, the purchaser must report and pay the additional locally imposed private party vehicle use tax using Form RUT-50. As noted above, RUT-6, Form RUT-50 Reference Guide, lists the current municipal and county private party vehicle use taxes the Department administers. For information regarding a local tax *not* administered by the Department, you must contact the local government directly.

What do I do if the municipality and/or county where the vehicle is being titled or registered does not appear in RUT-6?

If the purchaser's address, as it appears on the Illinois title or registration application, is within the jurisdiction of a local government not listed in RUT-6, any private party vehicle use tax imposed by that local government is not administered by the Department. In this situation, do *not* report any locally imposed private party vehicle use tax on Form RUT-50. Instead, the purchaser must contact the local government directly for information on how to report and pay the additional local private party vehicle use tax.

Do I need to make a separate payment for the local private party vehicle use tax reported on Form RUT-50?

No. Form RUT-50 combines the Illinois Private Party Vehicle Use Tax and any applicable local government private party vehicle use taxes administered by the Department so that the filer can remit a single payment for all applicable taxes.