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SCDMV ANNOUNCES NEW LICENSING PROCEDURE

Blythewood, SC - The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) announced today a new licensing procedure for both commercial and non-commercial drivers in South Carolina. SCDMV will run automatic checks against two different databases to check the prior driving history in other states for customers who apply for a driver credential of any type.

“Customers who have clear driver records probably won’t notice the difference,” said SCDMV Executive Director Marcia Adams. “This process will ensure that drivers who have problems on their driver records get those cleared up.”

The new procedure is the latest phase of the federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act (MCSIA) being implemented in South Carolina. The checks are performed when a customer applies for an original credential, renews a credential, is reexamined or moves from a beginner permit to a license are designed to insure drivers have only one valid license at a time.

The two databases that will be used to check a customer’s driving history are the Problem Driver Pointer System (PDPS) and the Commercial Driver’s License Information System (CDLIS). PDPS is a national database managed by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and stores information on drivers that have problem records. CDLIS is a national database established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) that stores information on all individuals who currently have or have held a commercial driver’s license.

For more information regarding the new licensing procedure, customers may visit the SCDMV Web site at www.scdmvonline.com.

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