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### SCDMV DRIVER MANUAL SALES

**Blythewood, SC – July 1, 2011** – The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) began charging a fee today for driver manuals and commercial driver license (CDL) manuals. The manuals, previously provided at no charge, will be sold for \$5.00 each plus sales tax.

“The proviso that allows DMV to charge for the manuals has been around for years, but DMV has never used it,” said Executive Director Kevin Shwedo. “With today’s economy, we have very few options. Unlike most state agencies, we don’t receive appropriated funds. We survive on the revenue we collect and most of that is disbursed to other agencies. That, combined that with hundreds of thousands of dollars of unfunded mandates, forces us to find ways to cover our expenses and maintain appropriate levels of customer service.”

To ensure that manuals remain available to all citizens, SCDMV will provide an initial free issue of five copies of the driver’s manual to high schools and county libraries upon written request. The most current versions of both manuals are also available online to view or print free of charge at [www.scdmvonline.com](http://www.scdmvonline.com).

“DMV has had to reduce its workforce by 20 percent over the past four years due to decreasing revenues. It just makes sense for us to recoup the cost of producing and distributing the manuals to help fund our operations. Our goal here is to continue to provide quality services to South Carolina citizens,” said Shwedo.

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