



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Miscellaneous Tax Bureau

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NOTICE TO SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO SELL PREPAID WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Effective July 1, 2010, Senate Bill 2938 as passed during the 2010 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature requires retailers of prepaid wireless telecommunication services to collect a \$1.00 Prepaid Wireless E911 Charge. Examples of prepaid wireless telecommunication services are cellular phones that come preloaded with a set dollar amount or set number of minutes for use by the customer and cards the customer uses to reload their cellular phone with a set dollar amount or set number of minutes. Retail sales of prepaid wireless telecommunication services also include reloading prepaid cellular phones via the internet or by calling the service provider.

Beginning July 1, 2010, retailers are required to collect the \$1.00 Prepaid Wireless E911 charge on every retail sale of prepaid wireless telecommunication services and remit the collected charges to the Department of Revenue by the 20th of the month following the reporting period. The reporting period for the Prepaid Wireless E911 charge shall be the same as the retailer's Mississippi sales tax return. Sales made via internet or by phone shall be sourced in the same manner as retail sales of telecommunications services as provided in Miss. Code Ann. Section 27-65-19(1)(e)(v)3.c. Returns for filing the Prepaid Wireless E911 charge are available on the Department of Revenue's web site at www.dor.ms.gov.

The changes reflected in Senate Bill 2938 as passed during the 2010 Regular Session do not affect or diminish a telecommunication service provider's liability for emergency telephone service charges related to prepaid wireless services rendered prior to July 1, 2010. Any outstanding liabilities for emergency telephone services charges for services provided prior to July 1, 2010, should be paid to the Commercial Mobile Radio Service Emergency Telephone Services Board. The \$1.00 per subscriber line charge for services other than prepaid wireless services should continue to be remitted to the Commercial Mobile Radio Service Emergency Telephone Services Board.

Please contact the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau at 601-923-7175 should you need additional clarification.

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