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## VIRGINIA RENTAL TAX INFORMATION AND NEWS

# 2008 LEGISLATION

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During the 2008 session of the Virginia General Assembly, House Bill 1578 was passed which declared certain fees and taxes imposed null and void and provided for the refund of such fees and taxes to the person or entity that paid such fee or tax. The 2% Northern Virginia Authority Fee on rental vehicles was one of the fees addressed in the bill. The following are highlights of the bill which was effective upon signage, March 25, 2008.

- The 2% Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Fee and 2% Hampton Roads Transportation Authority fee imposed on the gross proceeds on the daily rental of a vehicle in any county or city embraced by the respective Authority are unconstitutional.
- All entities authorized to collect such fees shall cease collection of such fees immediately.
- All fees collected shall be remitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles as Rental Tax on the Motor Vehicle Rental Tax Return (RT420) on the scheduled due date but no later than 30 days following the effective date of the bill.
- Any fees paid by the rental company on behalf of a person may be retained by the rental company and are subject to audit and certification.
- Any fees received by the Department of Motor Vehicles shall immediately become unclaimed property. The Department of Motor Vehicles will remit such property to the State Treasurer within 40 business days following the effective date of the Bill.
- All such property received by the State Treasurer shall be managed in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act under Chapter 11.1 (§ [55-210.1](#) et seq.) of Title 55 of the Code of Virginia. The State Treasurer may establish separate guidelines to facilitate and expedite the return of such property, none of which shall require a rental company to provide identifying information about any owner of the unclaimed property.
- Citizens may request refunds from the Department of Treasury Unclaimed Property Division. The department is working to finalize guidelines for refunding money. Go to the Department of Treasury at [www.trsvirginia.gov](http://www.trsvirginia.gov) for additional information.

**If you have any questions regarding this information, contact DMV Rental Tax at (804) 367-4324.**