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PUERTO RICAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE VALIDATION EXTENSION

COLUMBUS – Previously, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles accepted certified copies of Puerto Rico birth certificates issued on or after Jan. 1, 2010 by the Puerto Rico Health Department, through its Vital Statistics Record Office, as proof of identity and date of birth.

It was stated that on July 1, 2010, all birth certificates issued prior to that date by the Puerto Rico Health Department, through its Vital Statistics Record Office, would be invalidated by the government of Puerto Rico. The new law is aimed to strengthen the issuance and usage of birth certificates to combat fraud and protect the identity and credit of all people born in Puerto Rico.

The Puerto Rico Governor recently signed into law an extension of validity for current Puerto Rico birth certificates. Puerto Rico birth certificates will now continue being valid until September 30, 2010. New birth certificates will begin being issued on July 1, 2010 as originally planned, and will have indefinite validity.

This means that the Ohio BMV will continue to accept certified copies of Puerto Rico birth certificates issued on or after January 1, 2010. There will be no changes made to the current BMV policy and procedures at this time.

Beginning on October 1, 2010 the BMV will only accept certified copies of Puerto Rico birth certificates issued on or after July 1, 2010. As the October date approaches, the BMV will keep you informed of any changes in law that may affect these dates.

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For more information, please contact the BMV at (614) 752-7600.

Mission Statement

"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."