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OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES ELIMINATES SOCIAL SECURITY CARD REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE RENEWING DRIVER LICENSE, STATE ID

- New Ohio drivers still required to provide primary, secondary documents for verification -

COLUMBUS – Effective this week, individuals who are renewing a current Ohio driver license, Ohio commercial driver license (CDL) or state identification (ID) card will no longer be required to present a Social Security card at an Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) license agency for verification at the time of renewal.

An Ohio driver license, Ohio CDL or Ohio ID card which is current or has been expired for less than six months is acceptable without further proof of the applicant's Social Security number if it has been previously verified in the BMV's records.

This change impacts only current holders of Ohio driver license, CDL or ID cards. Requirements for customers who are not current holders of an Ohio driver license, Ohio CDL or state ID card have not changed. New Ohio BMV customers will be still required to provide a **primary document** (proves date of birth) and **secondary document** (proves Social Security number if not provided on primary document).

"This is a policy change that allows the Ohio BMV to improve the level of service to our customers by reducing wait times, while not compromising security and the verification process essential for individuals seeking license renewals," said Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Henry Guzmán.

To co-sign for drivers under 18 years of age, a person also only need to present a valid Ohio driver license, CDL or state ID card, or one that has been expired for less than six months.

Customers and co-signers who have not obtained an Ohio driver license, CDL or state ID, or those individuals who do not have in their possession an Ohio driver license, CDL or state ID at the time of transaction, must provide a primary and secondary document from the acceptable document list.

A complete list of acceptable primary and secondary documents can be found on the Ohio BMV Web site at http://bmw.ohio.gov/driver_license/aid.htm.