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Scam Alert: Phishing Scams Target Mississippi Taxpayers via Text Message

CLINTON, Miss. (Sept 22, 2025) – The Mississippi Department of Revenue is warning Mississippi taxpayers of ongoing nationwide text scams. The department has received reports of a scam targeting taxpayers through text messages that appear to be from a government agency.

These phishing texts are often threatening, claiming to be from the Department of Revenue or Department of Motor Vehicles and may include a warning regarding unpaid traffic violations, outstanding toll charges, or fines owed. These scams are designed to trick taxpayers into providing personal details, banking information and/or credit card information.

These texts are <u>NOT</u> from the Mississippi Department of Revenue and are <u>NOT</u> <u>LEGITIMATE</u>. The department will not send requests for payment or request personal information via text message. If you receive one of these phishing texts, take the following action:

- Do not click on any links in the text
- Do not respond to the text
- Delete the text

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About the Mississippi Department of Revenue

The Mississippi Department of Revenue (MDOR) is the primary agency for collecting tax revenues that support state and local governments in Mississippi. The MDOR is responsible for titling and registration of motor vehicles; monitoring ad valorem assessments; enforcement of Mississippi's Prohibition and Local Option Law; licensing, regulating, and enforcing the law for medical cannabis dispensaries; and operating as the wholesale distributor of alcoholic beverages. For more information, visit www.dor.ms.gov.

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