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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 234

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 30 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EXTENDING THE TIMEFRAME TO APPLY FOR A DOCUMENT FEE REFUND FROM 15 DAYS TO 30 DAYS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 3001(5), Chapter 30, Title 30 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike
2 through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 3001. Definitions.

4 (5) "Purchase price" means the value or any other consideration given by the owner to the seller for a motor
5 vehicle; where trade-ins or allowances are given in conjunction with the purchase of any motor vehicle, the purchase price
6 shall be the gross purchase price less any trade-in or allowance given by the seller of the motor vehicle to the owner of the
7 motor vehicle; except that where a motor vehicle having been bought and registered outside the State and not subject to the
8 limitation of § 3002(a)(4) of this title is first registered and titled in this State, "purchase price" shall mean the fair market
9 value as of the date of such titling and registration. If the owner made no trade-in in conjunction with the purchase of any
10 motor vehicle or trailer but 60 days prior to or subsequent to the date on which a certificate of title was issued in Delaware
11 on such vehicle such owner sold privately the previously owned vehicle, credit shall be given in the same amount on the
12 document fee as if the owner had made a trade-in of such previously owned vehicle in connection with the purchase of
13 another vehicle. Credit shall be given for only 1 motor vehicle or trailer per application. Application for such credit in event
14 of a prior sale shall be made at the time application is made for title of the purchased vehicle. In the event of a subsequent
15 sale, application for such credit shall be made not later than ~~15~~30 calendar days after such sale in person or by registered
16 mail to the Division of Motor Vehicles. Proof of prior ownership and the amount of sale shall be furnished at the time the
17 owner claims credit pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Division of Motor Vehicles. For park trailers, the
18 owner shall be allowed to submit an appraisal to be accepted by the Department to demonstrate the fair market value of the
19 park trailer. The appraisal shall come from a Delaware dealer authorized to provide an appraisal for park trailer models.
20 Furnishings, site modifications, geographical location, and other items that are not applicable to the documentation fee shall
21 not be included in the purchase price or fair market value for purposes of calculating the documentation fee.

SYNOPSIS

This bill will extend the timeframe for a customer to apply for a document fee credit refund from 15 days to 30 days. This change will improve customer service by allowing a customer more time to submit the applicable paperwork.

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