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Short of cash this April 15? Pay your state income taxes by credit card Want your refund quicker? File electronically

Montgomery, March 24, 1999—If you find you owe additional taxes this year when electronically filing your 1998 Alabama individual income tax return, consider using your credit card to pay your taxes.

If you are expecting a state refund, also consider filing electronically. Electronic filing offers a convenient way to file your tax return, pay your taxes, and if you are due a refund, speeds the processing of your refund return and puts your state income tax refund check in the mail to you sooner.

The credit card payment program is a convenient way to pay taxes when filing a return electronically, and also provides you or your tax preparer with immediate notification that your tax return has been received by the department.

To pay your taxes by credit card is simple: You may use a paid preparer who is an authorized IRS “e-filer,” or if you have Internet access, log on to the department’s Web site at www.ador.state.al.us and use the PC online link. The credit card payment program is available **only** to Alabama taxpayers who choose to file both their state and federal returns electronically and who are VISA and MasterCard holders.

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"We hope that the ability to pay by credit card will encourage more Alabamians to file their tax returns electronically and send their tax payments promptly. Since we have become involved in the electronic filing program, we have worked very hard to provide taxpayers with a variety of payment options and provide state electronic filing services similar to those offered by the IRS," said State Revenue Commissioner James P. Hayes, Jr.

"The department recognizes that electronic filing may not be an option for all taxpayers," added Hayes. "Alabama tax forms are still available at various public places such as libraries and post offices. Forms are also available at any of the ten Alabama Department of Revenue taxpayer service centers located across the state and at the department's central office location at the Gordon Persons Building in Montgomery. Taxpayers having Internet access may also download Alabama tax returns or use the 'fill-in' forms by logging on to the department's Web site at **www.ador.state.al.us.**"

April 15, 1999, is the filing deadline for the 1998 Alabama individual income tax return.