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Sales Tax Filing Simplified ***New Customized, Consolidated Local Return Available May 1***

Montgomery, April 22, 1999—Alabama business owners who operate in more than one county or city will now be able to file their local sales, use, rental, and lodgings tax reports using a single local tax form, customized to their particular reporting requirements, announced State Commissioner of Revenue James P. Hayes Jr.

The new customized, consolidated local return will be available to all business owners who collect and report any of the 217 county or city sales, use, rental, and lodgings taxes administered by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

The new local tax form, the 9501 return, will replace all local sales, use, rental, and lodgings tax returns issued by the department. In May, the State Revenue Department will mail notices to all monthly local tax account holders informing them of the new customized tax reporting form and its filing advantages. The return will be used by business owners and retailers to report state-administered local taxes beginning with the April 1999 collection period, reported on or by May 20. Quarterly filers will receive their notices in July 1999.

The new customized city and county tax return (9501), along with an instruction sheet and local tax rate schedule, will be mailed to taxpayers on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis, depending on the business owner's or retailer's filing status.

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The Local Tax Simplification Act of 1998 required the creation of a single standard local tax form for state-administered local sales, use, rental and lodgings taxes

and a single standard local tax form for self-administered local sales, use, rental, and lodgings taxes.

“We have diligently looked for ways to ease tax filing burdens, particularly within the sales tax area,” said Hayes. “The new customized, consolidated local return puts us closer to that goal. The new 9501 local return will eliminate the labyrinth of paperwork associated with filing multiple local tax returns,” said Hayes.