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Federal Tax Stimulus Payments Do Not Require State Tax Return Filings

Montgomery—Starting in May, the Treasury will begin sending economic stimulus payments to more than 130 million households nationwide. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) advises that in order to receive a payment, taxpayers must have a valid Social Security number, at least \$3,000 of qualifying income and file a 2007 federal tax return. IRS will take care of the rest. Eligible taxpayers will receive between \$300 to \$600 if single or \$600 to \$1,200 if married filing jointly. Millions of retirees, disabled veterans and low-wage earners who usually are exempt from filing a federal tax return must do so this year in order to receive a stimulus payment. However, it is not necessary for those Alabama taxpayers who are filing federal tax returns in order to receive federal economic stimulus payments to also file Alabama state income tax returns in order to receive federal economic stimulus payments. The Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) advises that those taxpayers who do not meet Alabama income tax filing requirements are not required to file an Alabama individual income tax return in order to receive a federal economic stimulus payment.

“We have found that many Alabama taxpayers who are not required to file an Alabama state income tax return believe that they must do so this year in order to receive the federal economic stimulus payment. This is not the case, only a FEDERAL tax return filing is required,” explained Richard Henninger, ADOR Individual and Corporate Tax director.

For more information concerning the federal economic stimulus payment, log onto the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. For more information concerning Alabama income tax filing requirements, log onto the Alabama Department of Revenue’s Web site at www.alabama.gov.

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