

Department of Revenue State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Department of Revenue works to administer the tax laws of the Commonwealth in a fair and equitable manner. It also administers the Pennsylvania Lottery, which generates funds for programs that benefit older Pennsylvanians. The Department is responsible for collecting personal income tax, sales and use tax, all corporate taxes, inheritance tax, realty transfer tax, motor/alternative fuel taxes, state and local tavern games tax and all other state taxes. In addition, the Department collects the local sales tax for Allegheny and Philadelphia Counties, the Public Transportation Assistance Fund taxes and fees, and funds for the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (PICA). The Department also administers the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program and the Public Utility Realty Tax Act reimbursement, prepares the tax expenditure portion of the Governor's Budget, analyzes the policy and fiscal impacts of tax changes and licenses small games of chance distributors and manufacturers.

The publications of the Department of Revenue contain newsletters, annual reports, financial reports, summary reports, statistical reports, compendiums, and other reports. Selected topics from these publications include state tax modifications, tax clearance programs, tax amnesty, enhanced revenue collection accounts, etc. The bulk of the current material is dated from 2000 to present.

Biographical / Historical

The Department of Revenue originated in 1927 but began operating after the passage of the Fiscal Code of 1929, at which time it assumed tax-collection duties previously carried out by the Auditor General, the Treasury Department, and other State agencies. The Highway Department's Bureau of Motor Vehicles and State Highway Patrol was transferred to Revenue that same year. In 1937 the Highway Patrol was removed from the Department and merged with the State Police to form the Pennsylvania Motor Police. The shift of responsibility in this area was completed when legislation passed in 1970 assigned the powers and duties involving traffic safety programs and the registration and licensing of motor vehicles and operators to the Department of Transportation. The Department was reorganized on a functional basis in 1975.

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Department of Revenue at the Pennsylvania State

Archives, please visit:

<https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class151>.

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