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Master License Service Transfers to Department of Revenue

Olympia, Wash. – May 11, 2011 – Governor Chris Gregoire signed legislation this week to transfer administration of the state’s Master License Service from the Department of Licensing to the Department of Revenue.

The Master License Service processes business license applications.

The transfer takes effect July 1 and will remain largely transparent to users while creating a more centralized system to leverage Revenue’s existing relationships with businesses and local governments that use licensing services.

The Department plans to change the name to the Business Licensing Service. DOL’s Business and Professions Division maintains regulatory authority over 37 different licensing services after the transfer.

The transfer was supported by the governor and both state agencies.

Suzan DelBene, Revenue Director said the Department will continue to work with stakeholders to make it easier for businesses to obtain and renew licenses.

“Moving the Master License Service to Revenue allows us to build a more streamlined system for Washington companies while serving the needs of local governments,” DelBene said.

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