

# If You Own A 1991 Or Older Model Motor Vehicle You May Be Eligible To Have Your "Car Taxes" Reduced, And You May Be Eligible To Receive A Refund From The Department Of Motor Vehicles

## PLEASE READ THIS SUMMARY NOTICE:

A class action lawsuit, *Woosley vs. State of California, DMV* (the "*Woosley Case*") will soon decide whether the California Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") will be ordered by the court to reclassify certain cars and other vehicles on DMV's records so that their owners will not be overcharged. The court will also determine if refunds are due.

### WHO IS INVOLVED?

The California Supreme Court has already ruled in the *Woosley Case* that DMV overcharged license fees ("car tax") on some vehicles previously registered or titled outside of California. DMV is continuing to overcharge some of these vehicles. If you are, or were, the owner of one of these overcharged vehicles then you are a member of a class of people who are suing DMV. The Court has certified the *Woosley Case* as a class action on behalf of persons who own or owned vehicles which were overcharged. All current owners of overcharged vehicles may have their vehicles reclassified so that they will not be overcharged in future years. However, the Court has ruled that only people who have filed claims for refund can receive refunds.

### HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE

- You must own a 1991 or older model vehicle ( car, truck or motorcycle ).
- You, or one of your close family members, must have bought the vehicle before August 1, 1991.
- You need not be the person who purchased the vehicle out of state.

### HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOUR MOTOR VEHICLE MAY HAVE BEEN OVERCHARGED

The following indicators can help you determine if your vehicle is eligible for lower vehicle license fees and possibly a refund (If your vehicle meets any one of the following criteria it may be eligible):

1. The registration slips of all vehicles (and some pink slips) have a three digit "type veh" code on them. If the *middle digit* is a 3, 6 or 7, the vehicle is probably eligible. For instance, a vehicle with a vehicle code of 170 is an eligible vehicle. The type Veh code is marked with an ↗ in the example below; or
2. The registration slips of some vehicles have an \*YR code on them. If this code is 91 or less the vehicle is probably eligible (The \*YR code is marked with an ↗ in the example below); or

3. If you, or a close family member, bought the vehicle outside of California; or
4. If you, or a close family member bought your vehicle in California prior to August 1, 1991 and it had a title from another state.

### PRIOR CLAIMS

The Court is also searching for people who, before November 1, 1992, asked for a refund of car tax. The DMV returned all claims filed before November 1, 1992 and did not keep copies of those claims. If you filed a claim before November 1, 1992, you must re-file your claim. To obtain a claim form, visit the DMV Internet site, call the toll free number below or write to or visit DMV to request a claim form. **You will not receive a refund unless you re-file your written claim by June 15, 1999.**

### YOUR RIGHTS

**A.** If you are and wish to remain a member of the class, you need not take any action at this time. If you remain in the Class, then you will be bound by any settlements and any favorable or unfavorable judgements entered in the Action. The Class is represented by Class Counsel whose efforts are coordinated by James Gansinger, Esq., Gansinger & Hinshaw, L.L.P. Class Counsel will represent people who do not chose to hire an attorney. You may enter an appearance through separate counsel at your own expense. Class counsel expects to petition for fees and costs, but you will not be asked to pay for fees, except possibly out of money due to you from DMV. You may be told of a hearing on fees and costs, as the Court directs. You do not need to do anything to remain a class member.

**B.** If you meet the Class definition, you will be deemed a member of the Class unless by June 15, 1999 you exclude yourself. If you chose not to be in the class, you will not have your rights to lower car taxes decided by the Court in this lawsuit. If you decide *not* to remain in the class, you can sue the DMV yourself on this subject. You will not benefit or be bound by any settlement, judgement, or other disposition of this class action lawsuit whether favorable or unfavorable to class members. If you do not want to be in the class, write to Class Counsel at: Woosley Exclusion Request, c/o Gansinger & Hinshaw, LLP, P.O. Box 811130, Los Angeles, CA 90081-1130, postmarked on or before June 15, 1999, and tell them you do not want to be in the class.

### Example of a DMV Registration

MAKE	YR MODEL	YR 1ST SOLD	VLF CLASS	*YR	TYPE VEH	TYPE LIC	LICENSE NUMBER
FORD	69	00	BT	↗ 73	↗ 170	11	ABC123

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

This Notice is a Summary only. For a copy of the more detailed Notice including a Claim Form, please call:

# 1-800-725-6337

Or write to:

Department of Motor Vehicles, Woosley Refund Claims, Box 932338, Sacramento, CA 94232-3380

**THE LAST DAY TO REQUEST A NOTICE AND CLAIM FORM IS JUNE 10, 1999.**

Complete information is also available on the Internet at:

## [www.dmv.ca.gov/refund-notice](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/refund-notice)