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### **Additional Feature Enhances Online Vehicle Registration System**

PIERRE, S.D. – Reporting motor vehicles sales in South Dakota just got a little easier.

The state Department of Revenue and Regulation, Division of Motor Vehicles, has expanded the online registration renewal system to allow those who sell motor vehicles to file reports of sales directly from personal computers at any time of the day or night.

By accessing [www.SDcars.org](http://www.SDcars.org) online, South Dakota vehicle owners can access not only their current vehicle information but also the materials they need when selling vehicles. Division of Motor Vehicles Director Deb Hillmer says including the report-of-sale feature was the next step in adding convenience to the system, especially when linked with the existing online renewal capabilities and access to the seller's permit.

Under the license-plate-with-owner system, the seller of a motor vehicle is required to file a report of sale with the Department within 15 days of the sale. That requirement applies to both private sellers and motor vehicle dealers in South Dakota. Sales involving trade-in vehicles are reported by vehicle dealers only.

Hillmer hopes sellers will see the advantages of fulfilling the requirement online.

“While the option is still available to complete paper reports of sales and file those reports with county treasurers, allowing sellers to file the required information online at their convenience eliminates the need to make special trips to treasurers’ offices,” Hillmer said.

Private sales can be recorded, free of charge, by logging onto the online registration system and completing the required information to report sales. To access the system, individuals enter their South Dakota driver license numbers or identification card numbers, along with their birth dates. In the case of a company, the business Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) and the state-assigned customer number as listed on the vehicle renewal notice are required to access vehicle information and file the report.

The option to report a sale has also been added to the motor vehicle dealer online system. More than 1,200 licensed dealers in South Dakota have completed the necessary training to record transactions online and now have access to the Division of Motor Vehicles database.

Only dealers recording less than 15 sales per year and where computer access is unavailable are exempted from the requirement to use the online system. According to Hillmer, adding the new option to the dealers' online system will streamline the transaction recording process.

"This availability will now allow online motor vehicle dealers to enter their sales information directly into the state system," Hillmer said. "They can record vehicle sales by their dealerships as well as complete the report of sales for their customers on all trade-in vehicles dealers accept in the transactions."

Since the dealer online system began in September 2008, South Dakota dealers have completed more than 135,000 sales transactions electronically. Hillmer said the system has benefited all involved – dealers, counties, the state, and taxpayers.

"We are extremely appreciative of the cooperation and efforts of the dealers of our state throughout this process. We thank all the dealers for working with us to make this project such a success," Hillmer said.

For more information on the report of sale requirement, vehicle registration renewals, or seller's permits, contact the South Dakota Division of Motor Vehicles at 605-773-3541 or visit its Web site at [www.state.sd.us/drr2/motorvehicle](http://www.state.sd.us/drr2/motorvehicle)