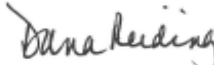




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TO: Clerks of Court

FROM: Dana Reiding, Chief
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DATE: August 24, 2010

SUBJECT: **Habitual Traffic Offender Amnesty Period**

House Bill 795 established an amnesty period for Habitual Traffic Offenders whose revocation results from a third driving while license suspended violation that occurred prior to July 1, 2010. The amnesty period begins October 1, 2010 and ends June 30, 2011.

The intent of the legislation was to allow these drivers to provide proof of compliance for the underlying sanction, which would result in the removal of the HTO status.

If a driver contacts your office for amnesty, please refer the driver to the Bureau of Records, (850) 617-2553 or to pattifletcher@flhsmv.gov. The Bureau of Records will assist the customer in determining eligibility for amnesty. If the customer is eligible, we will provide a letter of clearance to the customer. This letter of clearance will state that the customer has complied with all driver license reinstatement requirements except the requirements to reinstate the HTO revocation.

If the original verdict by the judge was adjudication withheld, the driver will be instructed to present the letter of clearance to the clerk, who will then submit a supplemental disposition (Verdict D) through TCATS. If the original verdict by the judge was guilty, the driver will be instructed that he or she may request a rehearing, at which time the judge may modify the verdict accordingly based on the letter of clearance.

The supplemental Verdict D should then trigger the removal of the HTO status and the department will so notify the customer.

Please visit our web site at www.flhsmv.gov/courts for more helpful information and direct any questions to Bonnie Scott-Walls at (850) 617-2702 or send an email to bonniescott-walls@flhsmv.gov.