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Customers Should Renew Driver's License Early

Avoid lines and renew online or at the license branch this year

INDIANAPOLIS – Hoosiers with drivers' licenses expiring in 2012 should plan to renew early according to Scott Waddell, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). Next year, a record 2.2 million driver's licenses expire, compared with 330,000 in 2010 and 260,000 in 2011. To date, nearly 190,000 customers have renewed driver's licenses early to avoid potential lines at the license branches. Indiana law allows Hoosiers to renew a driver's license up to one year before expiration.

"We are strongly encouraging customers to renew driver's licenses early either online or by visiting a license branch," commented Waddell. "Over half of all drivers' licenses expire next year and we are concerned about the possibility of longer lines in 2012. While we are making plans to handle the increased volume, the best way to avoid the crowds in 2012 is to renew your driver's license in 2011."

To date, 8% of customers statewide have renewed early. To view the driver's license renewal rate for each county, visit [myBMV.com](http://www.in.gov/bmv/3020.htm) and select information for media (<http://www.in.gov/bmv/3020.htm>).

Waddell added many Indiana drivers are eligible to renew their driver's licenses online although there are some restrictions in Indiana law

Drivers cannot renew online if they need to update personal information, including name and address, are over 70 years old or have 6 points or more on their licenses. A complete list of the restrictions is on the **myBMV.com** website. Customers are advised that Tuesdays and Saturdays are the busiest days at most license branches.

To encourage people to renew early, the BMV has been sending courtesy reminder birthday cards and emails to customers with the following messages.

- Many driver's licenses may be renewed online at myBMV.com without visiting license branch.
- Driver's licenses can be renewed online or at a license branch up to **one year** prior to expiration date. If your driver's license expires in 2012, you can renew it the day after your birthday in 2011 and the new expiration date will still be 2018.

Waddell reminded drivers that the BMV now prints and mails all driver's licenses from a central processing facility whether the renewal is completed online or at a license branch.

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