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MEMORANDUM

TO: Certified Program Owners
FR: Kecia Bivins, Division Director of Regulatory Compliance
DA: May 15, 2014
RE: 2014 Legislation Impacting Certified Programs

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of some important statutes that were enacted during the 2014 Legislative Session of the General Assembly. The following pieces of legislation will become effective on July 1, 2014.

- **Senate Bill 298**
 - Authorizes partnerships between DDS and public/private high schools as well as third party testers to administer the non-commercial knowledge test.
 - Gives customers the ability to drive on a DDS Online Services receipt, pending the arrival of their permanent license in the mail.
 - Requires courts to only refer defendants to driving schools certified by DDS.
 - Requires defendant to complete DUI/ Risk Reduction within 120 days following conviction or within 90 days of being released from incarceration.
 - Requires that only DBHDD licensed clinical evaluators perform clinical evaluations.
 - Increases fee for Driver Improvement (if taken to satisfy court order or license requirements) from \$75 to **\$95**.
 - Increases fee for DUI/ Risk Reduction Program
 - Increases Assessment Component from \$82 to **\$100**
 - Fee that programs pay ADE to purchase assessment will also increase from \$6 to **\$8**
 - Increases Assessment Rebate remitted to DDS from \$22 per offender to **\$30**
 - Increases Intervention Component from \$190 to **\$235**
 - **Offenders paying fees prior to July 1st, should pay the current amounts regardless of class dates.**
- **Senate Bill 365**
 - Gives judges the discretion to issue limited driving permits or waive license suspensions in controlled substance violation cases that do not involve the use of a motor vehicle.
- **Senate Bill 392**
 - Amends night time driving restrictions for Class D license holder's curfew from 'midnight to 6:00 a.m.' to 'midnight to 5:00 a.m.'

For specific, detailed information on these bills or other pieces of legislation, please visit the Georgia General Assembly website: www.legis.ga.gov.

The Department's staff looks forward to assisting and answering any questions you may have. We may be reached by phone at 678-413-8745 or via e-mail at reginfo@dds.ga.gov. Thank you for helping to enhance the integrity of our regulated driver safety programs.