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## **Tax Collector's Office Prepares for New Florida Drivers License & ID Requirements**

TAMPA, FL – (December 8, 2009) – As a result of the Federal Real ID Act of 2005, Florida is one of the first states in the U.S. to provide residents with an even more secure identification document and the Hillsborough County Tax Collector's office is leading the efforts to inform residents of these new requirements.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2010, Floridians renewing or obtaining a new driver license/identification card will be required to show proof of **1) identification, 2) social security number and 3) two items of residential address.** Although Florida has one of the most secure issuance processes and credentials, these changes will enhance efforts to minimize fraud and identity theft.

"I know it will be burdensome on people to gather all of the necessary documents and that is why we are making every effort to inform the public early and often," stated Hillsborough County Tax Collector, Doug Belden.

These Real ID Act mandates were handed down by the federal government in response to the terrorist attacks of 9/11. "Our staff is prepared to help make the process as smooth as possible," said Belden, "we are here to serve."

Please visit [www.hillstax.org](http://www.hillstax.org) and click on the **Gather.Go.Get** link to create a personalized checklist of documents you will need to bring with you. Renewing online or by mail will continue to be available to those who qualify.

For more details regarding Driver License / ID document requirements, contact the Tax Collector's office at 813.635.5200 or visit their web site at [www.hillstax.org](http://www.hillstax.org).



## Get Ready for New Florida Drivers License & ID Requirements

### Other Important Facts:

- Florida residents are allowed to renew their driver license by a convenience method (Internet or mail) up to one time. Following this option, the next renewal must be in person at which time the required documentation must be provided.
- If Florida drivers and ID card holders do not visit a driver license office by Dec. 1, 2014 or Dec. 1, 2017 (depending on their birthday) and present required documentation for their new card, they will not be allowed to board a commercial flight or enter a federal building. Residents born after December 1, 1964 with a current FL driver license or ID card will continue to be a valid form of identification until it expires or until December 1, 2014. Residents born before December 1st, 1964 will have until December 1, 2017.
- Go to **[www.gathergoget.com](http://www.gathergoget.com)** to create a personalized checklist.

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