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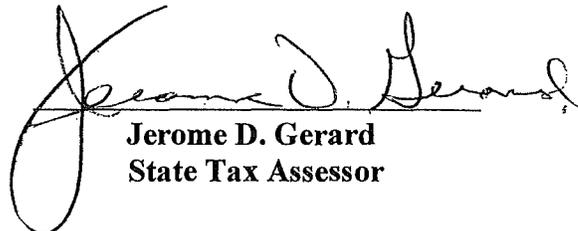


**Use of Bureau of Motor Vehicle Information**  
**In Maine Revenue Services'**  
**Data Warehouse Collection Initiative**

**A Report Prepared for the**  
**Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**  
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**BMV Data Report for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Maine Revenue Services to the Joint  
Standing Committee on Transportation  
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Overview

Maine Revenue Services (MRS) is engaged in a project to discover additional revenue through the Data Warehouse Collection Initiative (DWCI). MRS has contracted with Revenue Solutions Inc. (RSI) to develop the new data warehouse and discover new individual income tax non-filer leads. RSI utilizes its Portfolio Warehouse product (PW) (formerly called Discover Tax or “DTax”) to identify individuals with Maine-source income who have not filed Maine individual income tax returns.

Driver license and automobile registration information from Maine’s Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is loaded into PW to assist the MRS Tax Compliance Unit (TCU) in making taxpayer residency determinations. The BMV data also helps to provide more accurate taxpayer address information. With the information gathered from BMV and other data sources, TCU is able to generate notices for the new-found taxpayers and send them to the most accurate addresses, thus generating significant savings in the annual postal cost of this project.

MRS receives updated files from BMV on a quarterly basis (on the first day of each quarter).

Security of data

BMV creates a file for License data and another file for Registration data on a quarterly schedule. These files do not include social security numbers. BMV places the files in an FTP folder, to which MRS logs in to retrieve the files. The files are downloaded to the secure DWCI server, which is protected by a unique firewall in addition to the state’s existing firewall. Only authorized personnel have access to the server in order to perform these downloads. The raw data is loaded into an Oracle database that serves as the foundation for PW.

In addition, PW tracks each page that a user accesses; this is a key component of the system’s auditing and user authentication security.

Timeline and usage of BMV data in DWCI

- Over the last year MRS received four quarterly uploads of current license and registration information.
- All potential non-filer populations are compared to the BMV data. The lack of a BMV match does not disqualify an individual from selection, but it does lower the individual in the selection hierarchy.

Revenue

From the inception of the DWCI project in FY 2010 through the end of October 2014, the project has generated overall revenues of \$29.78 million; about 35% of this figure is attributable to stopping erroneous refunds, with the other 65% attributable to non-filer Compliance programs.