MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENT APPLICATION

General Laws Chapter 60A

RETURN APPLICATION FORM AND DOCUMENTATION TO: Board of Assessors GARDNER, 95 Pleasant St, Rm 226, Gardner, MA 01440

INSTRUCTIONS. To apply for an abatement (or refund if excise has been paid), complete this form and provide the specified documentation.

Abatement applications **must** be received by the assessors within three years after the excise was due, or one year after the excise was paid, whichever is later. To preserve your right to appeal, you must file on time. By law, assessors may only act on late applications in limited circumstances where the excise is still unpaid and their decision in those cases is final.

Filing an application does not stay the collection of your excise bill. To avoid interest, charges and collection action, including non-renewal of your registration, you must pay the bill in full within 30 days of its issue date. You will receive a refund if an abatement is granted.

NOTE. You are **not** entitled to an abatement if you (1) cancel your registration and retain ownership of the vehicle, or (2) move to another Massachusetts city or town, during the calendar year. No excise may be reduced to less than $5.00. No abatement or refund of less than $5.00 may be made.

Return this completed form to:
Board of Assessors • _____ of _____
_____ • _____ MA _____

Board of Assessors at (____) _____

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Year _____ **Bill #** _____

Valuation _____ **Months Assessed** _____

Excise Assessed **$**_____
Abatement Allowed **$**_____
Adjusted Excise **$**_____

Cert. # _____ **Date:** ___/____/_____

Assessor _____

Assessor _____

Form Approved by Commissioner of Revenue
(STF 126-MVE)(12/2004)

BILL INFORMATION:

Tax Year _____ Tax Date _____/_____ Issue Date _____/_____/_____ Bill Number _____

Plate/Registration Number _____ VIN _____ Vehicle Year _____ Make & Model _____

Name (as shown on bill) _____

Address (as shown on bill) _____
City/Town State Zip

Mailing Address (if different) _____
City/Town State Zip

REASON YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN ABATEMENT:

Check where applicable		You must provide this documentation
❑	Vehicle sold or traded	Bill of sale **and** plate return receipt from Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) or new registration form if plate transferred to another vehicle
❑	Vehicle stolen or total loss	Police report or insurance settlement letter **and** plate return receipt, C-19 Form (Affidavit of Lost or Stolen Plate from RMV) or new registration form
❑	Vehicle repossessed	Notice from lienholder **and** plate return receipt, C-19 Form or new registration form
❑	Vehicle junked	Receipt from junk yard **and** plate return receipt, C-19 Form or new registration form
❑	Vehicle returned (Lemon Law)	Letter from dealer certifying return **and** plate return receipt or new registration form
❑	Moved from _____ before January 1 of tax year	Date of move: _____/_____/_____ Proof of residency before January 1 of tax year of bill (*e.g.*, utility bill, voter registration, lease) **and** proof RMV was notified before January 1 of address change for registration NOTE: You must notify the RMV within 30 days of moving and before January 1 to be billed by your new city or town next year.
❑	Moved out of state	Date of move: _____/_____/_____ Registration from new state or country
❑	Exemption	Type: _____ Documentation establishing qualifications
❑	Other	Explain: _____ Relevant documentation

Subscribed under the penalties of perjury
Signature: _____ Date: _____
Telephone: _____