



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 19, 2012

TO: Circuit Court Clerks

CC: Friends of the Court
Chief Circuit Judges
Presiding Family Division Judges
Circuit Court Administrators
Family Division Administrators

FROM: Court Liaisons; Kari Ferri, Lee Ann Gaspar, and David Handsor
Michigan Department of State

SUBJECT: Friend of the Court FAC/FCJ Clearance Payments to the State of Michigan

According to Michigan Compiled Law 257.321c, a failure to appear for a friend of court hearing, comply with a repayment plan order, or respond to a license suspension notice can result in the suspension of a person's operator or chauffeur license. If a suspension takes place, a \$45 driver license clearance fee is paid, unless waived, to the court. The court must remit \$15 of the \$45 to the State of Michigan.

The State Court Administrative Office, the Department of State and the Department of Treasury reviewed the separate court payments made to the State of Michigan. The courts also make a monthly payment to the Michigan Department of Treasury for several other fees that are collected. In an effort to reduce the number of payments made by the courts to the State of Michigan, the clearance payments referenced in the paragraph above will begin to be made through the monthly Department of Treasury fee transmittal process as an extension of the current process for other fees collected by the courts and remitted to the State of Michigan.

Beginning with FAC/FCJ clearance payments received in October 2012, each court will send clearance payments to the Department of Treasury based upon the court's records (i.e., clearance fees paid to the court), using the Department of Treasury Fee Transmittal Form 57, in line 2 (MCL 257.321c). A copy of the form can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/57f_3011_7.pdf. The courts can then discontinue creating and mailing a remittance form with payment to the Department of State.

If you have any questions, please contact the Revenue Management Unit, Department of State at (517)373-8730.