

House Bill 568 (Acts of Assembly 2006, Chapter 780) replaces the current Virginia state and local communications taxes and fees with a centrally administered Communications Sales and Use Tax, a uniform statewide E-911 tax on landline telephone service and a cable television provider's public right-of-way use fee beginning January 1, 2007.

The Virginia Department of Taxation (TAX) will hold a public meeting from 10:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. on June 9, 2006 at its offices at 2220 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220. TAX will present a brief overview of the legislation and its plan to implement the legislation, including the public participation process for guidelines development. TAX will also receive the comments and suggestions of interested parties and ask them to identify potential issues concerning the new taxes. Due to space limitations, all parties interested in attending the meeting should respond to me by email on or before May 31, 2006. Detailed information regarding directions and parking will be emailed to interested parties who register for the meeting.

Interested parties may also listen to the public meeting by teleconference call. In order that TAX may reserve sufficient lines, please email me before close of business June 7 if you are interested in receiving the teleconference number and code.

Attendance at this meeting is not a prerequisite for participation in the implementation process and the development of the guidelines. TAX will email copies of the meeting materials to all interested parties subsequent to the meeting. Exposure drafts of the guidelines will be emailed to all interested parties as they are available. Interested parties are invited to send their comments and suggestions to me in writing.

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