

# MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENT APPLICATION

General Laws Chapter 60A

RETURN APPLICATION FORM AND DOCUMENTATION TO: Board of Assessors **HARWICH**

Return this **completed** for to:

**Board of Assessors – TOWN of HARWICH**  
732 MAIN ST, HARWICH, MA 02645  
(508)-430-7503

-----DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE-----

Comm Year \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Commitment \_\_\_\_\_

Bill # \_\_\_\_\_

Action Date \_\_\_\_\_

Valuation \_\_\_\_\_

Months Billed \_\_\_\_\_ Billed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Months Abated \_\_\_\_\_ Abatement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Months Owed \_\_\_\_\_ Net Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Abatement # \_\_\_\_\_

Munis Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTION ON BACK.**

## BILL INFORMATION:

Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Date \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Number \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model \_\_\_\_\_

Plate/Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ VIN \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as shown of the bill) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN

STATE

ZIP

## REASON YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN ABATEMENT:

### Check where applicable:

- MV1** Vehicle sold/traded  
Plates Transferred? If yes, Date \_\_\_\_\_
- MV2** Moved out of state
- MV2** Recommitment to/from different  
town during tax year

- MV4** Exemption
- MV5** Vehicle stolen/total loss  
Plates Transferred? If yes, Date \_\_\_\_\_
- MV5** Vehicle junked  
Plates Transferred? If yes, Date \_\_\_\_\_
- MV5** Vehicle repossessed  
Transferred? If yes, Date \_\_\_\_\_
- MV5** Other

### You must provide this documentation:

-Bill of sale AND plate cancellation slip from Registry of Motor  
Vehicles (RMV) or new registration form if transferred.

-Date of move: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Registration from new  
state/country AND plate cancellation slip from RMV.

- Date of move: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proof of residency before Jan. 1 of tax year of bill (utility bill,  
voter registration, lease) AND proof RMV was notified  
before Jan 1 of address change for registration.

NOTE: You must notify the RMV within 30 days of moving and  
before Jan 1 to be billed by new city/town next year.

-Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Documents establishing qualifications

-Insurance settlement letter AND plate cancellation from RMV  
or new registration form

- Junk yard receipt/ signed over title AND plate cancellation  
from RMV or new registration form

-Notice from lienholder AND plate cancellation Plates  
from RMV or new registration form

- Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Provide Relevant Documents

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.