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NEW TERRORISM-RELATED FORMS TO BE REQUIRED FOR ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND BUSINESS CONTRACTS, AND CERTAIN STATE LICENSES

COLUMBUS – As a result of Ohio Senate Bill 9, applicants seeking certain state issued licenses, public employment or business contracts and funding must fill out new forms indicating that they have not provided financial assistance or support to a terrorist organization. These new requirements take effect on Friday, April 14.

The Declaration Regarding Material Assistance/Non Assistance to a Terrorist Organization (DMA) was created to provide the state with an additional tool to deter and prosecute acts of terrorism within Ohio. The U.S. State Department's Terrorist Exclusion List is being used to identify terrorist organizations. DMA is a provision of Ohio Senate Bill 9, which is Ohio's homeland security and anti-terrorism legislation. The revised version of the bill was signed into law by Governor Taft on January 11, 2006.

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Sections 2909.32, 2909.33 and 2909.34, the following types of applicants must complete and submit a DMA form with their applications:

- Certain state issued licenses identified by the Ohio Department of Public Safety
- All candidates under final consideration for public employment
- Business contracts with and funding from any government entity in an annual aggregate amount greater than \$100,000
- Private entities that wish to do business with a government entity that adopts rules requiring pre-certification

All DMA forms and reference information, including a list of licenses subject to DMA and the Terrorist Exclusion List, can be found on the Ohio Homeland Security Web site at www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/dma.asp. The forms are in PDF format. The issuing agency is responsible for either directing applicants to the forms on the Web site or printing and providing hard copies to the applicant. The issuing agency will retain the completed forms along with the application. Anyone with questions can contact Ohio Homeland Security by calling the DMA hotline number at 614-644-3892 or by email at dma-info@dps.state.oh.us.

Ohio Homeland Security is a division within the Ohio Department of Public Safety along with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Emergency Medical Services, Investigative Unit, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services and Administration.

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