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Jesse White Offering Expedited Services and Waiving Various Fees for Tornado Victims

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced today that victims of Sunday's tornadoes will be offered the following services over the next 30 days at no charge: duplicate certificate of title, duplicate vehicle registration, duplicate driver's license and duplicate state ID card.

White initiated a law effective in July 2012 that gives his office authority to waive such fees for residents impacted by natural disasters and living in counties that have been declared disaster areas by the governor. The 13 counties proclaimed disaster areas include: Champaign, Douglas, Grundy, Jasper, LaSalle, Massac, Pope, Tazewell, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, Will and Woodford counties.

In addition, White said his office will be offering priority title service on titles, duplicate titles and corrected titles. The fees for these services will also be waived. Motorists may apply in person at their nearest Driver Services facility.

"I am pleased to be able to offer duplicate state IDs and driver's licenses as well as this special priority service to people as a way to help those who have had their vehicles destroyed by Sunday's tornadoes," said White. "Frequently, in submitting an automobile claim to an insurance company, the owner of the vehicle must be able to present the proper title. Priority title service will offer residents who need their title immediately a way to obtain it in an easy, fast and convenient manner."

White noted that the priority service allows his office to process these title requests within just two days.

"I am pleased to be able to offer these services to people who have suffered from the terrible destruction of Sunday's tornadoes," said White. "Expediting services and waiving these fees may be a small measure, but it is one I am glad to do for those people who are suffering in the wake of these devastating storms."

For more information on applying for a duplicate driver's license, state ID card, or duplicate vehicle registration, motorists may contact the Secretary of State's general hotline number at 800-252-8980. Motorists with questions about the priority title service may call 217-524-7889.

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