



*A message from Arthur E. Ferdinand, Tax Commissioner, Fulton County*

**IF YOU PURCHASED A VEHICLE BETWEEN 01/01/2012 AND 03/01/2013:**

A new State law may allow you to opt-in to the new one time Title Ad Valorem Tax that will credit you for sales tax paid at the time of your vehicle purchase and eliminate your future annual ad valorem tax, commonly referred to as the 'birthday tax'.

***What does this mean for you?*** The opt-in period provides an opportunity to do a comparison between the current annual ad valorem tax, normally paid on your birthday, and the new-one-time tax to determine which plan may have the greater benefit.

***How do you do a comparison?*** The Title Ad Valorem Tax Calculator is now available on the State's website at <http://onlinemvd.dor.ga.gov/Tab/welcome.aspx>.

Step 1. Enter your VIN information.

Step 2. Verify the information such as purchase date then enter your county information and your vehicle type. Please enter information such as any sales tax paid (if applicable) then click 'calculate.'

Step 3. Review the estimates to decide whether to opt in to the new Title Ad Valorem Tax **OR** remain in the current annual ad valorem system based upon the number of years you believe you will own the vehicle.

***How do you opt in?*** Visit the Tax Commissioner's Office between 03/01/2013 – 12/31/2013 so that a county tag agent can assist you. *If you have not opted in by 12/31/2013 your vehicle will remain on the ad valorem tax system.* Please be sure to bring your bill of sale with you to the tag office. Additional information may be found at [www.fultoncountytaxes.org](http://www.fultoncountytaxes.org).