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TO: Tax Practitioners

SUBJECT: Changes to Registration and Bonding under the Retailers'
Occupation Tax (ROT) Act - PA 84-221 (HB833)

Effective January 1, 1986, a business must furnish the Department of Revenue (DOR) with a sales tax surety bond before DOR can issue a Certificate of Registration and an Illinois Business Tax (IBT) number. Applicants for a certificate formerly had a grace period (in which to furnish a bond) of 30 days from the date of their first taxable sale.

Bond is required in an amount equal to three months' tax liability. If a business has no prior business experience, it must estimate this amount.

A business is specifically prohibited from conducting any retail activity within this state until it has received a Certificate of Registration from DOR. Conducting business at retail within the State of Illinois without a Certificate of Registration is a Class 4 Felony. Every day that a person engages in business in violation of these registration and bonding requirements constitutes a separate offense.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call or write us. Our address and telephone number are at the top of this bulletin.

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Director of Revenue

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