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TO: Commission Members

FROM: Tony Perkins, Acting Assistant Director

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SUBJECT: Policy Discussion Update – Penalty Collections Process

Agenda Item

At the Commission's January 22, 2015 meeting, staff presented information on the PDC's process for collecting delinquent penalties. The Commission requested additional information concerning staff's process, including options for increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of collections.

At the March 26, 2015 meeting, PDC staff will provide an update concerning the following:

- The cost to the state for collections services;
- The cost to the PDC when penalties are reduced to judgment by the AGO;
- Requirements for linking delinquent PDC payments to other state payment points, including DOL licensure actions;
- Options for updating staff's penalty payment collections policy;
- Staff's ongoing research regarding a possible partnership with the
 Department of Enterprise Services, in which DES would administer our
 penalty receipt and accounting, our traditional internal collections efforts,
 and possibly our extra-agency collection efforts.