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Tax Year _________ Tax Date / ______ Issue Date / ______/______ Bill Number _________
Plate/Registration Number ___________ VIN __________________ Vehicle Year _________ Make & Model __________________
Name (as shown on bill) _________________________________________________________________________________
Address (as shown on bill) __________________________________________________________City/Town State Zip
Mailing Address (if different) _________________________________________________________________________________

REASON YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN ABATEMENT:

Check where applicable You must provide this documentation

☐ Vehicle sold or traded Bill of sale and plate return receipt from Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) or new registration form if plate transferred to another vehicle

☐ Vehicle stolen or total loss Police report or insurance settlement letter and plate return receipt, C-19 Form (Affidavit of Lost or Stolen Plate from RMV) or new registration form

☐ Vehicle repossessed Notice from lienholder and plate return receipt, C-19 Form or new registration form

☐ Vehicle junked Receipt from junk yard and plate return receipt, C-19 Form or new registration form

☐ Vehicle returned (Lemon Law) Letter from dealer certifying return and plate return receipt or new registration form

☐ Moved from _________ before January 1 of tax year Date of move: ________/______/______

Proof of residency before January 1 of tax year of bill (e.g., utility bill, voter registration, lease) and proof RMV was notified before January 1 of address change for registration

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Registration from new state or country

☐ Exemption Type: ____________________________ Documentation establishing qualifications

☐ Other Explain: ____________________________________________ Relevant documentation

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