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An act relating to state debtors; directing the Department of State to publish on its website a list of persons owing money to the state; requiring state agencies to forward such information to the department; requiring the department to also publish such information in state newspapers; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. To the extent allowed under state and federal law, the Department of State shall establish and maintain on its website a list of persons who currently owe money to the state, including the amount owned and the nature of the debt. Such debt may include, but is not limited to, any unpaid taxes, administrative fines, judgments, or settlements. Each state agency, as defined in s. 216.011, Florida Statutes, shall forward to the department, on a monthly basis, a list of such persons known to that agency. The department, on a monthly basis shall also forward to the major state newspapers for publication a list of those persons residing in that newspaper's primary area of coverage who have remained on the list for more than 30 days.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.