

Ruth Pietruszewski, Martin County Tax Collector, would like to alert Florida residents who were born in Puerto Rico that a new law invalidating ALL Puerto Rican birth certificates has been extended to October 30, 2010. Governor Luis Fortuno signed the law in response to the U.S. State Department's concern that a number of passport fraud cases involved the use of stolen Puerto Rico Birth certificates.

Puerto Rico will begin issuing new birth certificates on July 1, 2010, which will incorporate technology to limit forgery. Florida residents that need to request a copy of the new certificates should send:

- Photo copy of a valid government issued photo identification (passport, driver license)
- \$5.00 money order payable to the Secretary of the Treasury of Puerto Rico
- Self-addressed envelope with paid postage to:
 - Puerto Rico Vital Statistics Record Office
 - P.O. Box 11854
 - San Juan, PR 00910

Or for premium mail services (FedEx, UPS, Registered Mail) to:
Puerto Rico Vital Statistics Record Office
171 Quisqueya Street
Hato Rey, PR 00917