



1 changes for clarity, and remove definitions for terms that are defined under Transportation Code  
2 §730.003.

3 SB 15 amended Transportation Code §730.006 by clarifying that the department must disclose  
4 information to the person who is the subject of the motor vehicle record. The proposed amendments to  
5 §217.123(a)(4), in part, clarify the people who can file a request for personal information to be consistent  
6 with Transportation Code §730.006.

7 SB 15 amended the list of permitted disclosures in Transportation Code §730.007(a)(2) by both  
8 amending existing permitted uses and creating new permitted uses. The amendments to §730.007(a)(2)  
9 are, in part, incorporated in the proposed amendments to §217.125 regarding additional documentation  
10 required to establish a requestor's permitted use.

11 In Transportation Code §730.007(a-1), SB 15 created a new allowance for disclosure--the  
12 department may disclose personal information without first receiving a request for information when (1)  
13 referring potential violations to law enforcement agencies and other regulatory agencies, (2) responding  
14 to subpoenas or discovery requests, and (3) communicating with a county tax assessor-collector regarding  
15 an audit or investigation. Proposed amendments to §217.123 address requests from law enforcement  
16 agencies and subpoenas and discovery requests. SB 15 also created a requirement in Transportation Code  
17 §730.007(g) that a person in possession of personal information from department motor vehicle records  
18 must respond to inquiries from the department regarding compliance with laws that apply to the disclosed  
19 personal information not later than the fifth business day after the submission of the department's  
20 request, which is addressed in §217.128.

21 SB 15 added Transportation Code §730.0121, requiring the department to adopt rules related to  
22 the deletion of any personal information received from the department, should the requestor become

1 aware that they do not meet the definition of an "authorized recipient." Proposed §217.131 and §217.132  
2 address the notices and processes related to the required deletion of information.

3 New Transportation Code §730.0122 prohibits a person from selling personal information to  
4 persons who are not authorized recipients, making such a sale a misdemeanor offense punishable by a  
5 fine up to \$100,000. Proposed amendments to §§217.126, 217.127, 217.128, and 217.130 remove  
6 "resale" from the rules for consistency with amendments in SB 15; and proposed amendments to  
7 §217.123 address repercussions to requestors who are convicted of violations of Transportation Code  
8 Chapter 730.

9 SB 15 also amended Transportation Code §730.013, removing references to "resale," limiting  
10 redisclosure to only third parties that have a permitted use, adding a requirement for authorized  
11 recipients to notify any third parties to whom they redisclose information that the third party may not  
12 redisclose that information to anyone who does not have an authorized use, and increasing the maximum  
13 monetary penalty for criminal sanctions related to that section from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The  
14 amendments to §730.013 are addressed in the proposed amendments to §§217.126, 217.127, 217.128,  
15 and 217.130.

16 SB 15's amendments to Transportation Code §730.014 created contract terms for situations  
17 where the department discloses personal information in bulk under a contract, required that the  
18 department monitor requestors' compliance with Transportation Code Chapter 730, and provided the  
19 department the authority to cease disclosing in the case of a contract violation. SB 15 states the  
20 department must include the following in a contract to provide a requestor access to personal information  
21 in motor vehicle records in bulk: (1) a requirement that the requestor post a performance bond, (2) a  
22 prohibition on the sale or redisclosure for the purpose of marketing extended vehicle warranties by  
23 telephone, (3) a requirement that the requestor provide proof of general liability and cyber-threat

1 insurance coverage, (4) a requirement that the requestor notify the department not later than 48 hours  
2 after the discovery of a breach, (5) a requirement that the requestor include in each contract with a third  
3 party that receives the personal information from the requestor that the third party must comply with  
4 federal and state laws regarding the records, (6) a requirement that the requestor protect the personal  
5 information under industry standard security measures, and (7) a requirement that the requestor submit  
6 an annual report of all third parties to which personal information is redisclosed and the purpose of the  
7 redisclosure.

8 SB 15 added a requirement in Transportation Code §730.014 that the department include in a  
9 disclosure of bulk records at least two records that are created solely for monitoring compliance with  
10 Transportation Code Chapter 730. New Transportation Code §730.014(f) requires the department to  
11 designate an employee to be responsible for monitoring compliance with Transportation Code Chapter  
12 730, referring potential violations to law enforcement, and making recommendations to the department  
13 on the eligibility of a person to receive personal information under Transportation Code §730.016. Lastly,  
14 new Transportation Code §730.014(g) states that if the department determines a person has violated a  
15 term of a contract for disclosure of personal information, the department may cease disclosing personal  
16 information to the person and allow the person an opportunity to remedy the violation and resume  
17 receiving personal information. SB 15's amendments to Transportation Code §730.014 are addressed by  
18 proposed amendments to §§217.122, 217.123, 217.126, 217.127, 217.128, 217.129, and new §217.133.

19 Finally, SB 15 amended Transportation Code §730.016, regarding ineligibility to receive, retain, or  
20 redisclose personal information. SB 15's amendments to Transportation Code §730.016(a), in part, require  
21 that persons convicted of a violation of Transportation Code Chapter 730 or any related rules must cease  
22 redisclosing personal information received under the chapter and delete all personal information received

1 from the department not later than one year after the date of conviction. The amendments to  
2 Transportation Code §730.016 are addressed in §217.123 and §217.131.

3 The department posted an informal draft of amendments to Chapter 217, Subchapter F, for public  
4 comment on the department's website on December 17, 2021, with comments due January 17, 2022. The  
5 department appreciates all the serious consideration from the submitted comments.

6 The department recognizes that authorized recipients, particularly law enforcement agencies,  
7 frequently need to receive personal information as soon as possible. The department analyzed its current  
8 processes for disclosing motor vehicle records to evaluate whether there are any inefficiencies. The  
9 department's processes for disclosing motor vehicle records to law enforcement requestors provide  
10 multiple ways to submit a request: by email, mail, or in-person at one of the department's Regional  
11 Service Centers. The proposed amendments and new sections provide clarity for the purposes of  
12 readability and ease of compliance with department processes, while maintaining the department's duty  
13 to diligently protect the personal information of Texans. Proposed amendments to §217.123 focus, in  
14 part, on new process efficiencies for law enforcement requests, to allow the department to assist law  
15 enforcement agencies with making their requests and promptly provide personal information under the  
16 parameters of Transportation Code Chapter 730.

17 The following paragraphs address the amendments in this proposal.

18 **Section 217.122.** The amendments to §217.122 add new subsections (a) and (b)(5) - (14); remove  
19 existing subsections (1), (3), and (4); and renumber existing subsections (2), (5), (6), and (7).

20 New §217.122(a) incorporates all definitions found in Transportation Code Chapter 730 for  
21 consistent interpretations between the corresponding statutes and rules. The incorporation of the  
22 statutory definitions necessitates the removal of duplicative terms in existing subsections (b)(1), (b)(3),

1 and (b)(4), to avoid any unintended conflicts. The remaining existing definitions are renumbered  
2 accordingly to (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), and (b)(4).

3           The amendments to renumbered §217.122(b)(2) clarify the definition of "requestor" to include  
4 "this state" and "an agency of this state." The definition of "person" in Transportation Code §730.003(5)  
5 specifically excludes "this state or an agency of this state." The amendment to renumbered §217.122(b)(2)  
6 clarifies that the incorporation of the statutory definition of "person" does not modify who is permitted  
7 to submit a request for personal information to the department. The subchapter continues to apply to  
8 people, states, and agencies of this state equally as "requestors," unless specifically stated otherwise.

9           The amendments to renumbered §217.122(b)(3) clarify the definition of "service agreement." A  
10 service agreement is a contract between the department and a "requestor," under its amended definition.  
11 The amendments replace "individuals, businesses or governmental entities or institutions" with  
12 "requestor" as the description of who can enter into a service agreement with the department, because,  
13 under the its new definition, "requestor" includes individuals, businesses, or government entities or  
14 institutions. Service agreements always provide electronic access to motor vehicle records, so for clarity  
15 the term "electronic" is added to the definition and removed from §217.123, which includes regulations  
16 related to service agreements. The amendment changing "the department's" to "department" clarifies  
17 that a service agreement may provide access to some but not all the department's motor vehicle records,  
18 depending on the terms and conditions of the service agreement.

19           A service agreement is one type of contract for access to department motor vehicle records. SB  
20 15 created another type of contract for access to department motor vehicle records in Transportation  
21 Code §730.014, where the department provides a requestor access to personal information in motor  
22 vehicle records in bulk. The requirements in Transportation Code §730.014 do not apply to service  
23 agreements, because service agreements do not provide access to information in bulk. Service

1 agreements are contracts to receive access to records under §217.123 (relating to Access to Motor Vehicle  
2 Records) where the department discloses personal information based upon requests for specific,  
3 individual motor vehicle records.

4 The amendments to renumbered §217.122(b)(4) change the term "made" to "submitted" for  
5 consistency within the subchapter and to specify that a request can be submitted by mail as well as the  
6 listed electronic methods.

7 New §217.122(b)(5) defines the term "signature" to establish that any signature requirement in  
8 this subchapter can be met using an electronic signature, as defined by Transportation Code §501.172.  
9 The definition includes "to the extent the department accepts such electronic signature" to recognize that  
10 there may be subsets of or advancements in these types of electronic signatures that the department's  
11 technology may not be able to accept at the time of submission.

12 New §217.122(b)(6) defines the term "Batch Inquiry" to identify one of the department's  
13 information products that provides a requestor access to non-bulk motor vehicle records. Entering into a  
14 service agreement to submit Batch Inquiries allows the requestor to submit requests for multiple, specific  
15 motor vehicle records simultaneously and receive the responses in a batch format. A Batch Inquiry is  
16 distinguishable from a request for information in bulk—a Batch Inquiry is a method of sending multiple  
17 requests for individual records simultaneously and then receiving the response associated with each  
18 request simultaneously; whereas a request for information in bulk is one request that will require the  
19 disclosure of bulk information. In a Batch Inquiry, each motor vehicle record that is disclosed is a separate  
20 disclosure.

21 New §217.122(b)(7) defines the term "MVInet Access," to identify one of the department's  
22 information products that provides a requestor access to non-bulk motor vehicle records. MVInet Access  
23 provides the requestor access to query the department's motor vehicle registration and title database. To

1 run a query in MVInet, the requestor must enter data associated with a specific motor vehicle record--a  
2 Texas license plate number, vehicle identification number, placard number, or document number. The  
3 MVInet system is not designed to return information from multiple motor vehicle records from a single  
4 search of the system, and therefore does not disclose personal information in bulk. Each search made in  
5 MVInet is a separate disclosure. To gain access to MVInet, a requestor must apply for and enter into a  
6 service agreement.

7           New §217.122(b)(8) defines the term "bulk" to implement SB 15's amendments to Transportation  
8 Code §730.014. SB 15 established required contract terms when the department provides a requestor  
9 access to personal information in motor vehicle records in bulk under a contract under Transportation  
10 Code §730.007. SB 15 also established a requirement that the department include at least two records  
11 that are created solely for monitoring compliance with Transportation Code Chapter 730 in any bulk  
12 disclosure. The new definition of "bulk" in §217.122(b)(8) establishes what types of disclosures are subject  
13 to the requirements for disclosures of personal information in bulk under Transportation Code §730.014.  
14 New §217.122(b)(8) establishes that a disclosure of at least 250 motor vehicle records containing personal  
15 information is "bulk." The minimum amount of 250 motor vehicle records coincides with Business and  
16 Commerce Code §521.053(i), which requires a person to provide notice to the Texas Attorney General of  
17 any breach of system security that involves at least 250 residents of this state. The "bulk" definition goes  
18 on to include examples of department information products that disclose records in bulk.

19           New §217.122(b)(9) defines the term "bulk contract" to implement SB 15's amendments to  
20 Transportation Code §730.014 that establish required contract terms when the department provides a  
21 requestor access to personal information in motor vehicle records in bulk under a contract under  
22 Transportation Code §730.007. The new definition clarifies the types of contracts that will contain the  
23 contract terms required by Transportation Code §730.014.



1           New §217.122(b)(10) defines the term "Master File" to identify one of the department's  
2 information products that provides a requestor access to personal information in department motor  
3 vehicle records in bulk. The Master File contains all the department's active and inactive registration and  
4 title records.

5           New §217.122(b)(11) defines the term "Weekly Updates" to identify one of the department's  
6 information products that provides a requestor access to personal information in department motor  
7 vehicle records in bulk. The Weekly Updates contains any new and renewed registrations and title records  
8 from the previous week.

9           New §217.122(b)(12) defines the term "Specialty Plates File" to identify one of the department's  
10 information products that provides a requestor access to personal information in department motor  
11 vehicle records in bulk. The Specialty Plates File contains records on issued Texas specialty license plates.

12           New §217.122(b)(13) defines the term "eTAG File" to identify one of the department's  
13 information products that provides a requestor access to personal information in department motor  
14 vehicle records in bulk. The eTAG File contains records of new or updated eTAGs, vehicle transfer  
15 notifications, and plate-to-owner records.

16           New §217.122(b)(14) defines the term "Dealer/Supplemental File" to identify one of the  
17 department's information products that provides a requestor access to department motor vehicle  
18 records. The Dealer/Supplemental File is a pair of files that are disclosed jointly. One of the files contains  
19 information on licensed dealers and the other contains information from registration and title  
20 transactions processed by dealers with the department during the previous week. The  
21 Dealer/Supplemental File does not contain personal information protected under Transportation Code  
22 Chapter 730. The Dealer/Supplemental File is not a standalone information product; a requestor who

1 wants to receive the Dealer/Supplemental File must also contract for the Weekly Updates, which is a bulk  
2 contract.

3           **Section 217.123.** The amendments to §217.123 improve readability and clarify the requirements  
4 for a request for motor vehicle records, for proof of a requestor's identity, and for an application for a  
5 service agreement. New subsections to §217.123 add new processes for law enforcement requestors,  
6 establish processes regarding bulk requests, and clarify that other regulated methods of legal compulsion  
7 are exempt from the section's form requirements. The amendments insert new subsections (c) and (d)  
8 between the existing subsections (b) and (c). Due to the insertion of the new subsections, existing  
9 subsection (c) is relettered accordingly to subsection (e). The amendments also remove existing  
10 subsection (d), move the content from existing subsection (e) to new subsection (e)(2), and add new  
11 subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i).

12           The amendments to §217.123(a) improve readability and clarify the general requirements for a  
13 request for personal information in department motor vehicle records. The amendments start by  
14 distinguishing requests made under §217.123(a) from requests made to access motor vehicle records in  
15 bulk, under the new §217.123(f). The amendments broaden the language from "on the form" to "in a  
16 form," to clarify the department's processes, which provide for one general request form and a second  
17 request form that is tailored to the permitted uses afforded to law enforcement agencies under  
18 Transportation Code Chapter 730. Amendments to §217.123(a) also include the following amendments  
19 that improve readability and are nonsubstantive: the removal of "Request for records." which is  
20 unnecessary; the relocation of the requirement that information be released only in accordance with the  
21 DPPA, Transportation Code Chapter 730, Government Code §552.130, and 43 Texas Administrative Code  
22 Chapter 217, Subchapter F from subsection (a) to subsection (i); and the removal of "at a minimum," which  
23 is unnecessary.

1           The amendments to §217.123(a)(2) improve readability and clarify the requirement that the  
2 requestor specifically identify the motor vehicle records they are requesting on their request form. For  
3 the department to properly evaluate the request under Transportation Code Chapter 730 and provide a  
4 prompt, responsive disclosure, the requestor must clearly identify the motor vehicle record they are  
5 seeking. If a request is unclear, then the department may ask the requestor for clarification under  
6 Government Code §552.222. The amendments to subsection (a)(2) specify a nonexclusive list of common  
7 data points that the department often needs to locate a requested motor vehicle record. The  
8 amendments also add "plate" to the "Texas license plate number" data point, to make the term consistent  
9 with Transportation Code Chapter 504 and to avoid any confusion with a driver's license number issued  
10 under Transportation Code Chapter 521.

11           The amendments to §217.123(a)(3) modify the existing requirement for proof of identity to  
12 conform with statutory language more closely and to incorporate amended §217.123(b) and new  
13 §217.123(c). Subsections (b) and (c) allow for different types of proof of identity, depending on the  
14 requestor's permitted use under Transportation Code Chapter 730.

15           The amendments to §217.123(a)(4) improve the readability of the existing requirement that the  
16 requestor inform the department how the requestor qualifies to receive the requested personal  
17 information under Transportation Code Chapter 730. The nonsubstantive amendments change the  
18 language to conform with the Transportation Code §730.006 and §730.007 more closely. The  
19 amendments clarify that the requestor must establish the requestor's authorized use on their request  
20 form. The amendments establish paragraphs (a)(4)(A) - (C) to clarify that the requestor is only required to  
21 meet one of the existing authorized use options.

22           The amendments to §217.123(b) and the insertion of new §217.123(c) improve readability and  
23 specify the acceptable forms of proof of identity for this subchapter. Transportation Code Chapter 730

1 requires the department to protect personal information contained in its motor vehicle records and only  
2 authorizes disclosure of personal information under certain circumstances. To determine whether a  
3 request qualifies for disclosure, the department must verify the identity of the requestor. For most  
4 requestors, this proof is provided using standard photo identifications. But the department recognizes  
5 that requestors seeking information for a law enforcement agency's use often possess other reliable  
6 means of identification that are unique to law enforcement. Therefore, the amendments remove law  
7 enforcement requestors from existing subsection (b) and establish separate proof of identity  
8 requirements for requests from law enforcement agencies in the new subsection (c).

9         The amendments to subsection §217.123(b) exempt requests that meet the requirements of new  
10 subsection (c), to establish the separate proofs of identity available to law enforcement requestors. The  
11 amendments improve the readability of subsection (b) by affirmatively stating the requirements and  
12 removing the surplus "Identification required" and "document." The amendments to subsection (b) add  
13 allowances for "Texas Department of Public Safety Identification" and "North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
14 identification or identification issued under a Status of Forces Agreement" to better conform with other  
15 Texas laws that require proof of identity. The amendments remove the allowance for a "copy of current  
16 law enforcement credentials if the requestor is a law enforcement officer" as those requests are  
17 addressed by the new subsection (c).

18         New §217.123(c) establishes proof of identity requirements for requests for personal information  
19 for use by law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement agencies have commented on §217.123's existing  
20 limitation to only accept law enforcement credentials as proof of identity from law enforcement  
21 requestors. Considering the time-sensitivity and public interest in law enforcement investigations, new  
22 §217.123(c) includes two new options for proof of identity for law enforcement requestors. The new  
23 options for law enforcement requestors increase flexibility for the requestors while continuing to allow

1 the department to meet its obligations under Transportation Code Chapter 730 to confirm that a  
2 requestor has a permitted use for the requested personal information and is not falsely holding  
3 themselves out to be associated with a law enforcement agency.

4         The first of the three options, new §217.123(c)(1), continues the existing allowance for a law  
5 enforcement requestor to provide their law enforcement credentials as proof of identity. This option  
6 provides consistency for those that wish to continue following the existing processes. The second option,  
7 new §217.123(c)(2), allows law enforcement agencies to "electronically submit the request in a manner  
8 that the department can verify that the requestor is acting on behalf of a law enforcement agency." This  
9 option provides for multiple electronic submission methods--including methods that are currently  
10 available, such as submission using an email address issued and controlled by a law enforcement agency,  
11 and future methods that may be accomplished through technological advancements at the department.  
12 The third option, new §217.123(c)(3), provides the ability for the requestor's superior or commanding  
13 officer to affirm the requestor's identity. Unlike subsection (c)(2), subsection (c)(3) establishes a new  
14 option that can be used for in-person requests, should an officer wish to request records at a Regional  
15 Service Center without presenting their credentials.

16         New §217.123(d) establishes an exception for law enforcement requestors to the requirement in  
17 §127.123(a) that requests be made in writing. The department recognizes the public benefit of providing  
18 law enforcement requestors prompt assistance with their requests over the phone. New subsection (d)  
19 establishes a process for law enforcement agencies to provide required proof of identity for the people  
20 authorized to submit requests on behalf of the law enforcement agency before a request is made. The  
21 department will create a vetting form that law enforcement agencies can use to provide proof of identity.  
22 The department will review the submitted form and track which forms are complete and accepted. To  
23 ensure the information provided on the forms does not become inaccurate over time, a law enforcement

1 requestor will be required to file a new form every 12 months, which must be approved by the department  
2 if the law enforcement requestor would like to continue submitting requests to the department verbally.

3 New §217.123(d) also establishes that the department may require the law enforcement  
4 requestor to confirm a verbal request in writing. If the department requires the law enforcement  
5 requestor to confirm their request in writing, the department will not disclose any personal information  
6 related to the request until confirmation in writing is received.

7 The amendments reletter the existing §217.123(c) to §217.123(e), improve the readability of the  
8 existing text, and clarify that a requestor must submit an application to enter into a service agreement.  
9 The content from existing subsection (e) was relocated to subsection (e)(2).

10 Relettered §217.123(e) addresses the process of entering into a service agreement. A service  
11 agreement is a contract that provides electronic access to department motor vehicle records through a  
12 method that does not disclose personal information in bulk. The amendments to relettered §217.123(e)  
13 remove "Electronic access." because it is an unnecessary restatement of an element of a service  
14 agreement.

15 The amendments to relettered §217.123(e)(1) improve readability and specify that a requestor  
16 must submit an application to enter into a service agreement with the department. Before the  
17 department will begin the process of drafting a service agreement, the requestor must provide reasonable  
18 assurances as to their identity and that the use of the personal information will be used only as authorized,  
19 under Transportation Code §730.007(a) and §730.012. The amendments to relettered §217.123(e)(1)  
20 remove "with a business or individual" and "written," as those terms are incorporated into the definitions  
21 of "requestor" and "service agreement" in proposed §217.122(b)(2) and (3), respectively. The removal of  
22 "with a business or individual" and "written," are nonsubstantive.

1           The amendments to relettered paragraphs (e)(1)(A) - (E) make the requirements for an application  
2 for a service agreement consistent with the requirements for a request under §217.123(a), to avoid any  
3 unintended consequences. The amendments to relettered paragraph (e)(1)(A) change the existing  
4 requirement for the requestor to provide their permitted use on the application for a service agreement  
5 to conform with §217.123(a)(4)(C) and Transportation Code Chapter 730. The amendments to relettered  
6 paragraph (e)(1)(A) are nonsubstantive.

7           The amendments to relettered §217.123(e)(1)(B) specify that an applicant for a service agreement  
8 must comply with Transportation Code §730.007(a)(1) and provide their name and address in the  
9 application. The requirement for an adjustable account in existing §217.123(c)(1)(B) is incorporated into  
10 to relettered §217.123(e)(2) for clarity, since an adjustable account is a term or condition in a service  
11 agreement and not part of the application for a service agreement.

12           The amendments to relettered §217.123(e)(1)(C) require an applicant for a service agreement to  
13 provide proof of identity, as established under subsections (b) and (c). Since a service agreement is a  
14 contract regarding the disclosure of personal information, the department has a duty to confirm the  
15 identity of the contracting recipient. The amendments remove the existing §217.123(c)(1)(C) requirement  
16 for "termination and default provisions," as those are not part of an application for a service agreement.  
17 Executed service agreements will contain termination and default provisions, but it is not necessary for  
18 this rule to require them, as they are standard contract terms and conditions.

19           The amendments to relettered §217.123(e)(1)(D) clarify that a requestor applying to enter into a  
20 service agreement may be an individual, an organization, or an entity. If the requestor is an organization  
21 or entity, the amendments require an officer or director to sign the application on the entity's behalf. It is  
22 necessary for the department to know that an organization or entity's upper management understands  
23 the extent of the requestor's responsibility to protect the personal information contained in the

1 department motor vehicle records before entering into a service agreement that provides electronic  
2 access to the department motor vehicle records.

3 The amendments remove the requirement in existing §217.123(c)(1)(E) and add a new  
4 requirement in relettered §217.123(e)(1)(E). The amendments to relettered §217.123(e)(1)(E) add a  
5 requirement that the application for a service agreement contain a certification that the statements made  
6 in the application are true and correct. The certification will not make the application more arduous on  
7 the part of the requestor and will provide assurances to the department that the requestor has confirmed  
8 that the statements made in the application are true and correct before submission. This certification is  
9 not required to be notarized.

10 The amendments remove the existing §217.123(c)(1)(E) requirement for a statement that the  
11 use of personal information will be in accordance with the DPPA, Transportation Code Chapter 730, and  
12 the permitted use specified in the service agreement to improve readability and make the rules more  
13 concise. The existing requirement is not something a requestor must provide in its application for a service  
14 agreement; rather, it is an unnecessary restatement of requirements under the DPPA and Chapter 730.  
15 The requirement that a requestor comply with the DPPA and Chapter 730 will continue to be required  
16 under a service agreement but the unnecessary restatement of laws is removed to avoid any unintended  
17 conflict with those laws.

18 The amendments remove existing §217.123(c)(1)(F), which requires that applications for service  
19 agreements contain "the statements required by subsection (a) of this section." Any "statements required  
20 by subsection (a)" that are required in an application for a service agreement are specifically included in  
21 the proposed amendments to the relettered §217.123(e). Therefore, the existing requirement in  
22 §217.123(c)(1)(F) is unnecessary and removed to avoid any confusion.



1           The amendments to relettered §217.123(e)(2) simplify the existing requirements related to  
2 adjustable accounts and the payment of fees under a service agreement by incorporating the  
3 requirements currently located in existing §§217.123(c)(1)(B), 217.123(c)(2)(B), and 217.123(e) into one  
4 subdivision. Service agreements include adjustable accounts established to pay fees incurred for the  
5 individual requests or searches made under the service agreement. The adjustable account requirements  
6 can be modified depending on the number of requests the requestor needs to submit. Additionally, some  
7 requestors are exempt from the payment of fees in this subchapter under §217.124(b) and (e), which  
8 negates the need for an adjustable account. The amendments to relettered §217.123(e)(2) combine all  
9 the existing regulations regarding adjustable accounts to one subdivision in the rule, making the rule more  
10 concise and improving readability.

11           The amendments remove existing §217.123(c)(2), which contains a separate set of regulations for  
12 service agreements with Texas governmental entities. In existing §217.123(c)(2), the only substantive  
13 distinctions between the regulations for a service agreement with a governmental entity and a service  
14 agreement with a requestor that is not a governmental entity was the existence of the adjustable account  
15 and the recognition that a governmental entity may have statutory authority to obtain social security  
16 numbers. The distinction that governmental entities may be exempt from paying fees is addressed by the  
17 amendments to §217.124(e), making the requirement in existing §217.123(c)(2)(B) unnecessary. The  
18 amendments remove existing §217.123(c)(2)(A)(v) which requires a statement citing to the governmental  
19 entity’s authority to obtain social security number information, because it is an unnecessary restatement  
20 of existing law in Chapter 730. Section 730.003(6) defines “personal information” to include a social  
21 security number. If a governmental entity has authority to obtain social security numbers under Chapter  
22 730, that authority is not modified by this rule. The removal of existing §217.123(c)(2) is nonsubstantive  
23 and avoids any potential conflict with existing laws.

1           The amendments remove existing §217.123(d), which addresses the ineligibility to receive  
2 personal information after a violation of a term or condition of the contract. Transportation Code  
3 §730.014 and §730.016 address the repercussions to a contracted authorized recipient should they violate  
4 their contract, including the ineligibility to receive personal information. The amendments remove the  
5 existing §217.123(d) to avoid any conflict with these statutes.

6           The amendments remove existing §217.123(e) because the existing regulation regarding initial  
7 deposits and minimum balances in adjustable accounts is addressed by the amendments to relettered  
8 §217.123(e)(2).

9           New §217.123(f) implements SB 15's amendments to Transportation Code §730.014, which  
10 include contract requirements when an agency provides a requestor access to personal information in  
11 motor vehicle records in bulk under a contract under Transportation Code §730.007. New §217.123(f)  
12 specifies the requirement for a bulk contract; what must be present in an application for a bulk contract;  
13 when a conviction of an offense under Transportation Code Chapter 730 or a violation of 43 Texas  
14 Administrative Code Chapter 217, Subchapter F terminates a bulk contract; and what records the  
15 department may release under a bulk contract.

16           New §217.123(f) establishes that "[a] requestor seeking access to department motor vehicle  
17 records in bulk must enter into a bulk contract with the department." To ensure compliance with  
18 Transportation Code §730.014, the department will not disclose information in bulk outside of a contract.

19           New §217.123(f)(1) specifies that a requestor must submit an application for a bulk contract with  
20 the department before the department will initiate the contracting process and establishes the  
21 requirements for an application for a bulk contract. Before the department will begin the process of  
22 entering into a contract, the requestor must provide reasonable assurances as to their identity and that

1 the use of the personal information will be used only as authorized under Transportation Code  
2 §730.007(a) and §730.012.

3           New paragraphs §217.123(f)(1)(A) through (f)(1)(E) establish the requirements for an application  
4 for a bulk contract, which conform with the requirements for an application for a service agreement under  
5 §217.123(e). New §217.123(f)(1)(A) incorporates the requirement under Transportation Code  
6 §730.007(a)(2) that a requestor must establish a permitted use before the department can disclose  
7 personal information from motor vehicle records. New §217.123(f)(1)(B) addresses the requirement  
8 under Transportation Code §730.007(a)(1) that a requestor must provide the requestor's name and  
9 address with the request. New §217.123(f)(1)(C) addresses the requirement from Transportation Code  
10 §730.007(a)(1) that a requestor must provide proof of identity with the request and incorporates the  
11 acceptable forms of proof of identity established in §217.123(b) and (c) to create consistency across all  
12 requests under this subchapter. New §217.123(f)(1)(D) specifies that the application must contain a  
13 certification that the statements made in the application are true and correct. This certification will  
14 provide assurances to the department that the requestor has confirmed that statements made in the  
15 application are true and correct before submission. This certification is not required to be notarized. New  
16 §217.123(f)(1)(E) establishes a signature requirement for the application. A requestor applying to enter  
17 into a bulk contract may be either an individual, an organization, or an entity. If the requestor is an  
18 organization or entity, the amendments require an officer or director to sign the application on the  
19 organization's or entity's behalf. It is necessary for the department to know that an organization's or  
20 entity's upper management understands the extent of the requestor's responsibility to protect the  
21 personal information contained in the department's motor vehicle records before entering into a bulk  
22 contract.

1           New §217.123(f)(2) implements SB 15's requirements in Transportation Code §730.014(c)(1) and  
2 (c)(3). Transportation Code §730.014(c) requires requestors seeking a bulk contract to post a performance  
3 bond, and to provide proof of general liability and cyber-threat insurance coverage. New §217.123(f)(2)  
4 establishes that the requestor must provide proof that they have a performance bond and insurance  
5 coverage that meet the requirements of Transportation Code §730.014 before a bulk contract is executed.  
6 New §217.123(f)(2) allows a requestor to submit proof of a performance bond and insurance coverage  
7 after submitting an application to enter into a bulk contract to provide the requestor the flexibility to wait  
8 until their application is approved before expending the resources on these items. The requestor may  
9 choose to submit proof of the performance bond and insurance coverage requirements with their  
10 application, but the department will consider an application for a bulk contract complete without that  
11 proof if all requirements in §217.123(f)(1) are met.

12           New §217.123(f)(2)(A) implements Transportation Code §730.014(c)(1), requiring "that the  
13 requestor post a performance bond in an amount of not more than \$1 million." New §217.123(f)(2)(A)  
14 establishes that, for bulk contracts with the department, performance bonds must be in the amount of  
15 \$1 million and specifically tied to compliance with Transportation Code Chapter 730 and 43 Texas  
16 Administrative Code Chapter 217, Subchapter F. The department considered developing a process for  
17 varying the amount for the bond requirement; but determined that the requestors' obligations to protect  
18 the personal information in the department's motor vehicle records do not vary significantly between  
19 different bulk files and contracts. Because the performance bond addresses a consistent obligation to  
20 protect the personal information in the department's motor vehicle records, the rule cannot fairly and  
21 logically vary the bond amount.

22           New §217.123(f)(2)(B) implements Transportation Code §730.014(c)(3) requiring "that the  
23 requestor provide proof of general liability and cyber-threat insurance coverage in an amount specified

1 by the contracting agency that is: (A) at least \$3 million; and (B) reasonably related to the risks associated  
2 with unauthorized access and use of the records." New §217.123(f)(2)(B) establishes that a requestor  
3 must provide proof of at least \$3 million in coverage that complies with Transportation Code  
4 §730.014(c)(3) to be consistent with the statute. The requirement provides requestors with the flexibility  
5 to evaluate their business and determine their insurance coverage needs, as long as they comply with  
6 Transportation Code §730.014(c)(3).

7         New §217.123(g) implements Transportation Code §730.016(a), which states that if a person is  
8 convicted of an offense under Transportation Code Chapter 730 or if the person violates a rule adopted  
9 by an agency relating to the terms or conditions for a release of personal information, then the person is  
10 ineligible to receive personal information under §730.007. New §217.123(g) establishes that if the  
11 contracted requestor is convicted of an offense under Transportation Code Chapter 730 or is found to  
12 have violated a rule under Subchapter F of Chapter 217, then the contract with that requestor is  
13 terminated as of the date of the court's final determination since the person would no longer be eligible  
14 to receive personal information under Transportation Code §730.016(a).

15         New §217.123(h) establishes an exemption from the form requirements in §217.123(a) for people  
16 seeking personal information using another regulated method of legal compulsion. Discovery requests,  
17 subpoenas, and other methods of legal compulsion have specific form requirements set out in law. New  
18 §217.123(h) clarifies that §217.123 does not create additional form requirements for these methods of  
19 legal compulsion. For example, if the department receives a proper request for production, under Rule  
20 196.1 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the department will not also require the filing of a form  
21 required under §217.123(a).

22         New §217.123(i) incorporates the existing requirement in §217.123(a) to improve readability and  
23 clarity. Regardless of how a person requests personal information under §217.123, the department will

1 only disclose personal information in accordance with Title 18 U.S.C. §2721 et seq., Transportation Code  
2 Chapter 730, Government Code §552.130, and Title 43 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 217,  
3 Subchapter F. The terms and conditions of a service agreement do not exempt the department from its  
4 obligations to protect personal and confidential information. If the department fails to meet its obligations  
5 to protect personal information under the DPPA, it "shall be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the  
6 Attorney General of not more than \$5,000 a day for each day of substantial noncompliance," under 18  
7 U.S.C. §2723. If the department fails to meet its obligations regarding the disclosure of confidential  
8 information under Government Code Chapter 552, the department's officers or employees may be subject  
9 to criminal prosecution under Government Code Chapter 552, Subchapter I.

10 **Section 217.124.** The amendments to §217.124 improve readability and incorporate new terms  
11 defined by this rule proposal.

12 The amendments to §217.124(a) through (c) make nonsubstantive changes and improve  
13 readability by simplifying language and removing unnecessary punctuation. The amendments in  
14 §217.124(b) replace "entity" with "agency" to conform the reference to law enforcement requestors with  
15 Transportation Code Chapter 730. The amendments to §217.124(c) remove "For new contracts and  
16 renewals, the costs are" as these costs apply to all nonexempt requests, including requests under  
17 §217.123(a) that do not require a contract, making this language unnecessary.

18 The amendments remove §217.124(d)(5) to avoid an unintended conflict with Transportation  
19 Code §502.058 and §217.40(d), which authorize the owner of a vehicle for which the registration receipt  
20 has been lost or destroyed to obtain a duplicate receipt from the department or the county tax assessor-  
21 collector who issued the original receipt. Transportation Code §502.058 limits the disclosure of duplicate  
22 registration receipts to the owner of the vehicle, and therefore any release of any personal information  
23 on the disclosed receipt is under Transportation Code §730.006.

1           The amendments to §217.124(d) incorporate newly defined terms from §217.122. The  
2 amendments to subsection (d) are nonsubstantive and replace the existing descriptions of the  
3 department's information products with newly defined terms.

4           The amendments to §217.124(e) relate to the amendments made to existing §217.123(c)(2)(B)  
5 and are not substantive. Existing §217.124(e) references an exemption granted in existing  
6 §217.123(c)(2)(B) to government entities and toll project entities from paying certain fees for department  
7 motor vehicle records. The proposed amendments to §217.123 remove existing §217.123(c)(2)(B)  
8 because the exemption applies to all requests by these entities under the subchapter, including requests  
9 for records under §217.123(a), requests for service agreements under relettered §217.123(e), and  
10 requests for bulk contracts under new §217.123(f). The exemption was moved to §217.124(e), to provide  
11 a consistent application of the exemption across the different types of requests.

12           **Section 217.125.** The amendments to §217.125 implement SB 15's amendments to  
13 Transportation Code §730.007(a)(2), which amended existing permitted uses and created new permitted  
14 uses. The amendments to §217.125 also clarify that the department may require the requestor to provide  
15 additional documentation after the initial request to provide reasonable assurances as to the requestor's  
16 permitted use. The amendments remove "Certain" from the title of the rule to clarify that the  
17 department's authority under Transportation Code §730.012 to request reasonable assurances that the  
18 use of the personal information will comply with Transportation Code Chapter 730 is not limited to certain  
19 permitted uses.

20           The amendments to §217.125(a) are nonsubstantive and ensure consistency with Transportation  
21 Code §730.003(5) and §730.007. The amendments to subsection (a) change the language from "the  
22 business or government entity" to "the organization, entity, or government agency," to conform with

1 Transportation Code §730.003(5) and §730.007. The amendments avoid any unintended consequences  
2 or confusion that might be caused using similar, but not identical terms.

3 The amendments to §217.125(b) improve readability and clarify that the additional documents  
4 required by the subsection are only required when a request is made to the department. While  
5 Transportation Code §730.013 restricts the redisclosure of personal information to third parties who have  
6 a permitted use under §730.007, the department allows authorized recipients to determine their own  
7 business practices for performing their due diligence to determine whether redisclosure to a specific third  
8 party is permitted under Transportation Code Chapter 730. The amendments to §217.125(b) clarify the  
9 subsection only applies when the requestor is requesting personal information from the department. A  
10 person can request motor vehicle records with personal information redacted from the department  
11 without submitting additional documentation under §217.125(b).

12 Subsections 217.125(b)(1) through (11) tell a requestor what documents or information needs to  
13 be submitted to the department with a request. The required documents or information help the  
14 department to determine the requestor's permitted use and avoid the need for the department to seek  
15 clarification of the request under Government Code §552.222.

16 The amendments to §217.125(b)(1) through (b)(9) clarify that Transportation Code §730.007 does  
17 not require the inclusion of the documentation. Under the authority of Transportation Code §730.012,  
18 §217.125(b) requires the inclusion of the documentation as an attachment to the application that is  
19 submitted to the department. The amendments to §217.125(b)(1) through (b)(9) also correct the  
20 repeated omission of subsection (a) from the citations to the permitted uses under Transportation Code  
21 §730.007(a)(2).

22 The amendments to §217.125(b)(1) also add the word "personal" to conform with Transportation  
23 Code §730.007(a)(2)(C). The amendments to §217.125(b)(1) address SB 15's addition of Transportation



1 Code §730.007(a-2), which requires a requestor under Transportation Code §730.007(a)(2)(C) to be a  
2 business that is "licensed by, registered with, or subject to regulatory oversight by a government agency,"  
3 by requiring a requestor to include proof of compliance with Transportation Code §730.007(a)(2)(C) with  
4 their request to the department.

5 The amendments to §217.125(b)(2) also make nonsubstantive changes to improve readability and  
6 conform the reference to "anticipation of litigation" with Transportation Code §730.007(a)(2)(D).

7 The amendments to §217.125(b)(4) also clarify that if a requestor supplies a license number  
8 provided by the Texas Department of Insurance, an out-of-state relevant regulatory authority, or for an  
9 insurance support organization, that license must be active at the time of the request for personal  
10 information.

11 The amendments to §217.125(b)(5) also clarify that if a requestor supplies a license number  
12 provided by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation or an out-of-state relevant regulatory  
13 authority, that license must be active at the time of the request for personal information.

14 The amendments to §217.125(b)(6) also clarify that if a requestor supplies a license number  
15 provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety or an out-of-state relevant regulatory authority, that  
16 license must be active at the time of the request for personal information.

17 The amendments to §217.125(b)(7) also clarify that if a requestor supplies a commercial driver's  
18 license, that license must be active at the time of the request.

19 The amendments to §217.125(b)(8) also incorporate SB 15's amendments to Transportation Code  
20 §730.007(a)(2)(J), which remove the term "private" and add "or another type of transportation project  
21 described by Section 370.003."

22 The amendments to §217.125(b)(9) also make nonsubstantive changes that improve readability  
23 by eliminating the unnecessarily repetitive reference to "the Fair Credit Reporting Act."

1           New §217.125(b)(10) addresses the new permitted use added by SB 15 under Transportation  
2 Code §730.007(a)(2)(L). New §217.125(b)(10) requires that the requestor provide proof that the  
3 requestor holds an active license as a manufacturer, dealership, or distributor at the time of the request  
4 for personal information as Transportation Code §730.007(a)(2)(L) authorizes the department to disclose  
5 personal information to a manufacturer, dealership, or distributor.

6           New §217.125(b)(11) addresses the new permitted use added by SB 15 under Transportation  
7 Code §730.007(a)(2)(M). New §217.125(b)(11) requires that the requestor provide proof that the  
8 requestor is licensed by or is subject to regulatory oversight by one of the entities listed in Transportation  
9 Code §730.007(a)(2)(M), since those are the only types of people to whom the department is authorized  
10 to disclose personal information under Transportation Code §730.007(a)(2)(M).

11           The amendments remove existing §217.125(c) to more consistently conform with Transportation  
12 Code §730.007(a)(2)(M). The only permitted use in Transportation Code §730.007 that is limited to a  
13 requestor that holds a license or authorization issued by the state of Texas is Transportation Code  
14 §730.007(a)(2)(M). To eliminate any conflict with Transportation Code §730.007, the amendments  
15 remove this section and add language addressing out-of-state licenses to subdivisions §217.215(b)(4),  
16 (b)(5), (b)(6), and (b)(10).

17           New §217.215(d) clarifies that the department may require information regarding proof of the  
18 requestor's permitted use under Transportation Code Chapter 730, in addition to what is required under  
19 §217.125(b). Transportation Code §730.012(a) authorizes the department to require a requestor to  
20 provide reasonable assurance that the use of the personal information will be only as authorized. While  
21 §217.125(b) generally provides for what must be included with a request for personal information to the  
22 department, the new §217.215(d) clarifies that if the initial submission is insufficient or unclear, the

1 department will request additional information as part of its due diligence to get the statutorily required  
2 proof that the requestor meets the requirements of their stated permitted use.

3 **Section 217.126.** The amendments to §217.126 remove the terms "resale," "resell," and  
4 "reselling" from the title and throughout the section to conform with SB 15's removal of the terms from  
5 Transportation Code §730.013. The amendments to §217.126(a) replace the term "provided" with  
6 "disclose," which is a nonsubstantive change for consistency throughout the subchapter and with  
7 Transportation Code Chapter 730. The amendments to §217.126(a) clarify that the regulation addresses  
8 only the department's motor vehicle records. Transportation Code Chapter 730 applies to other agencies  
9 in addition to the department, and an authorized recipient may receive information from more than one  
10 agency. Section 217.126(a) only addresses the redisclosure of personal information from the  
11 department's motor vehicle records, not personal information received from another source.

12 The amendments remove existing §217.126(b) to avoid unintended conflict or confusion between  
13 §217.126(b) and Transportation Code §730.013. Transportation Code §730.013 prohibits the redisclosure  
14 of personal information in the identical or substantially identical format. The redisclosure of "the entire  
15 motor vehicle records database in its complete format" under the existing §217.126(b) would be a  
16 prohibited "identical or substantially identical" disclosure under Transportation Code §730.013.  
17 Therefore, the amendments remove the unnecessary, existing §217.126(b).

18 The new §217.126(b) specifies that the department may request information regarding how an  
19 authorized recipient intends to vet any third parties to whom the authorized recipient will redisclose the  
20 department's personal information. Under Transportation Code §730.013, an authorized recipient can  
21 only redisclose the department's personal information to a person with a permitted use under §730.007.  
22 Additionally, under Transportation Code §730.014(f) the department is charged with monitoring  
23 compliance with Chapter 730. The new §217.126(b) specifies that the department may monitor

1 compliance with Transportation Code §730.013 by asking the requestor questions regarding how the  
2 authorized recipient intends to complete its vetting process to determine the permitted use of a third  
3 party.

4 The amendments to §217.126(c) make nonsubstantive changes that improve readability and  
5 clarify that §217.126(c) only addresses the redisclosure of personal information from the department's  
6 motor vehicle records, not personal information received from another source.

7 The amendments remove the existing §217.126(d), which made authorized recipients responsible  
8 for any misuse of personal information committed by third parties to whom the authorized recipients  
9 redisclosed the personal information. The amendments remove subsection (d) to avoid confusion  
10 between it and the various statutorily created responsibilities of and repercussions to the authorized  
11 recipient. SB 15 established new courses of action that can be taken should a third party misuse personal  
12 information, under Transportation Code §§730.0122 (regarding Sale Prohibited), 730.0123 (regarding Civil  
13 Suit), 730.013 (regarding Redisclosure; Offense), and 730.016 (regarding Ineligibility of Certain Persons to  
14 Receive, Retain, or Redisclose Personal Information). SB 15's amendments provide sufficient civil and  
15 criminal liability for authorized recipients and third parties, rendering subsection (d) unnecessary, and it  
16 is therefore removed by the amendments.

17 New §217.126(d) clarifies that any resale of personal information that happened before the  
18 effective date of SB 15 is still bound by the limitations of the section. While the amendments to §217.126  
19 conform with SB 15's removal of "resale" from Transportation Code §730.013, new subsection (d) ensures  
20 that the amendments do not create an inadvertent regulatory loophole for personal information that was  
21 resold before SB 15's amendments went into effect.

1           **Section 217.127.** The amendments to §217.127 remove the terms "resell," "resold," and "sold"  
2 from the title and throughout the section, to conform with SB 15's removal of the term from  
3 Transportation Code §730.013.

4           The amendments to §217.127(a) clarify that this regulation addresses only the records an  
5 authorized recipient must maintain related to redisclosures of personal information from the  
6 department's motor vehicle records. Transportation Code Chapter 730 applies to other agencies in  
7 addition to the department, and an authorized recipient may receive information from more than one  
8 agency. Section 217.127(a) only addresses the redisclosure of personal information from the  
9 department's motor vehicle records, not personal information received from another source.

10           The amendments to §217.127(b)(1) improve readability and conform to Transportation Code  
11 §730.013, under which a third-party recipient is identified as a "person." The amendments to  
12 §217.127(b)(1) also require the records to reflect the third-party recipient's individual name and, when  
13 known, the name of the organization or entity receiving the records. This amendment addresses the  
14 inclusion of organizations and entities in Transportation Code §730.003(5)'s definition of "person" and the  
15 requirement under Transportation Code §730.013, that the authorized recipient maintain records "as to  
16 the person or entity receiving the information."

17           The amendments to §217.127(b)(2) are nonsubstantive, provide clarity, and improve readability.  
18 The amendments clarify Transportation Code §730.013's requirement that redisclosure be limited to  
19 persons with permitted uses under §730.007. The amendments remove the reference to §217.125(b), as  
20 those documents are only required when a person requests information from the department and  
21 replaces it with a more general description of "any documentation the authorized recipient received  
22 related to the person's permitted use." While an authorized recipient is not required to request the  
23 documents listed in §217.125(b), if the authorized recipient relies on documentation to confirm a third

1 party's permitted use, the department may want to see the documentation when monitoring compliance  
2 under Transportation Code §730.014(f).

3           The amendments to §217.127(b)(3) are nonsubstantive, provide clarity, and improve readability.  
4 The addition of "under each permitted use" acknowledges that a person may qualify under more than  
5 one permitted use. Therefore, they may receive some records under one permitted use and other records  
6 under another permitted use. The amendments to §217.127(b)(3) address the requirement under  
7 Transportation Code §730.013, that the authorized recipient maintain records "as to...the permitted use  
8 for which it was obtained."

9           The amendments to §217.127(b)(4) improve readability by removing the unnecessarily repetitive  
10 use of "the authorized recipient." Subsection (b)(4) describes one of the elements of an authorized  
11 recipient's records regarding redisclosure; since they are the authorized recipient's records there is no  
12 need to state that the statement contained in the records is the authorized recipient's statement.

13           The amendments to §217.127(b)(5) are nonsubstantive, provide clarity, and improve readability.  
14 The change from "the agreement" to "any agreement" clarifies that this section does not create a  
15 requirement that an authorized recipient have an agreement with a third party to redisclose personal  
16 information from the department's records. The amendments also clarify that the agreement referenced  
17 would be between the authorized recipient and a third party, and is therefore separate from a contract  
18 with the department. The amendments to §217.127(b)(5) continue the clarification throughout the  
19 subchapter that these records only pertain to the redisclosure of personal information from department  
20 motor vehicle records, not personal information received from another source.

21           New §217.127(c) clarifies that authorized recipients are required to maintain records for any  
22 resales that happened before the effective date of SB 15 for five years. While the amendments to  
23 §217.127 conform with SB 15's removal of "resale" from Transportation Code §730.013, authorized

1 recipients are still required to maintain records of resales for five years. New subsection (c) ensures that  
2 the amendments do not create an inadvertent regulatory loophole for personal information that was  
3 resold before SB 15's amendments.

4 **Section 217.128.** The amendments to §217.128 remove the terms "resale" and "resell" from the  
5 title and throughout the section, conforming with SB 15's removal of the term from Transportation Code  
6 §730.013.

7 The amendments to §217.128(a) improve readability and clarify that the department may request  
8 information from an authorized recipient's records. The department is authorized to request information  
9 sufficient for the agency to determine compliance under Transportation Code §730.007(g). Information  
10 maintained under §217.127 is the type that could assist the department in determining compliance. The  
11 amendment specifies that the department may request those records, but the department is not limited  
12 to only requesting those records under Transportation Code §730.007(f). These amendments are  
13 nonsubstantive.

14 The amendments to §217.128(b) clarify the department's process to request the authorized  
15 recipient's records in writing. The amendments improve readability and are nonsubstantive.

16 The amendments to §217.128(c) remove the existing regulation regarding the deadline to reply  
17 to a request from the department to implement and avoid any conflict with SB 15's new Transportation  
18 Code §730.007(g). Transportation Code §730.007(g) established that a person must reply to a request for  
19 information regarding compliance from the department in five business days, making the existing  
20 requirement in §217.128(c) unnecessary.

21 The amendments to §217.128(c) incorporate SB 15's new Transportation Code §730.014(g).  
22 Transportation Code §730.014(g) allows the department to cease disclosing information under a contract  
23 when it determines an authorized recipient has violated a term or condition of their contract with the

1 department. If the department chooses to cease disclosing information, §730.014(g)(2) requires that the  
2 department allow the authorized recipient an opportunity to remedy the violation to resume the flow of  
3 information from the department. Failure to timely provide information requested by the department  
4 would be a violation of Transportation Code §730.007(g) and the contract with the department. New  
5 §217.128(c) specifies that if an authorized recipient fails to timely provide information requested by the  
6 department, the department may cease disclosing information under the contract. New §217.128(c)  
7 provides an authorized recipient 30 days to remedy the violation and provide the requested records. If  
8 the authorized recipient does not provide the requested records after 30 days, the department may  
9 terminate the contract. Thirty days is ample time to provide the department with information the  
10 authorized recipient is required to maintain under §217.127. Since compliance with this request should  
11 be relatively easy for an authorized recipient that is properly maintaining records, failure to do so for 30  
12 days will likely indicate larger compliance issues. After 30 days of not responding the department's  
13 request, the violation is more significant. The department has an interest in terminating contracts where  
14 a contract holder has significantly violated a term or condition of the contract. For this violation, the  
15 department recognized that failure to provide the information after 30 days would be egregious and  
16 therefore would be grounds for termination of the contract.

17 The amendments remove existing §217.128(d) because it is unnecessary under the proposed  
18 amendments to §217.128(c).

19 The amendments remove existing §217.128(e) because it is unnecessary. Transportation Code  
20 §730.014(f) requires the department to designate an employee who is responsible for monitoring  
21 compliance with Transportation Code Chapter 730 and required contract terms, making existing  
22 §217.128(e) an unnecessary restatement of the department's statutory duty.



1           The amendments remove existing §217.128(f) because it is unnecessary under the proposed  
2 amendments to §217.128(c).

3           **Section 217.129.** The amendments to §217.129 improve readability, modify language to conform  
4 with statute, and clarify potential ambiguities. The amendments add "Personal Information Contained in"  
5 to the title of the section, to clarify that the rule only addresses a person's eligibility to receive the personal  
6 information contained in motor vehicle records under Transportation Code Chapter 730, and not motor  
7 vehicle records in their entirety. A person who is ineligible to receive personal information from motor  
8 vehicle records under Transportation Code Chapter 730 may still be authorized to receive information  
9 other than personal information from motor vehicle records under Government Code Chapter 552.

10           The amendments to §217.129(a) incorporate the department's authority to cease disclosing  
11 personal information under a contract under Transportation Code §730.014(g). The amendments specify  
12 that this subsection applies to both requests for information and contracts for access to the department's  
13 records. The methods of requesting and receiving information does not affect the department's obligation  
14 to protect the public's interest in personal information.

15           The amendments to §217.129(b) remove the term "of motor vehicle records" to limit the  
16 identification of the subject of the regulation to "authorized recipient," which SB 15 defined in  
17 Transportation Code §730.003(1-a). Conforming the description to the defined term provides consistency  
18 and avoids potential confusion that can be caused by using differing terms to describe the same entities.  
19 The amendments modify "clause or term" to "term or condition" for readability and consistency. The  
20 amendments broaden multiple references from "a service agreement" to "a contract with the department  
21 to access motor vehicle records." These amendments incorporate the newly defined "bulk contracts,"  
22 clarifying that this subsection applies to all contracts for motor vehicle records, not just service

1 agreements. The amendments to §217.129(b) provide for consistent processes for all requests under  
2 contracts with the department.

3           The amendments to §217.129(c) broaden the subsection's use of a "service agreement" to a  
4 "contract with the department to access motor vehicle records." These amendments incorporate the  
5 newly defined "bulk contracts," clarifying that this subsection applies to all contracts for motor vehicle  
6 records, not just service agreements. The amendments to §217.129(c) provide for consistent processes  
7 for all requests under contracts with the department. The amendments also change the subsection's use  
8 of "a business, partnership, or entity" to "organization or entity" for consistency in the subchapter and  
9 with Transportation Code §730.002(5). The amendments to §217.129(c) also clarify that applying for a  
10 contract after termination is addressed by §217.130 and not Transportation Code §730.016 (regarding  
11 Ineligibility of Certain Persons to Receive, Retain, or Redisclose Personal Information; Offense). A contract  
12 termination on its own is not a basis for ineligibility under Transportation Code §730.016.

13           **Section 217.130.** The amendments to §217.130 broaden the section to apply to all contracts to  
14 access motor vehicle records, to incorporate the new "bulk contract," and improve readability.

15           The amendments to §217.130(a) improve readability and incorporate the new "bulk contracts"  
16 by replacing "service agreement" with "contract to access motor vehicle records." The amendments  
17 clarify that this rule applies to someone who has had a contract to access motor vehicle records with the  
18 department terminated in the past and now wants to enter into a new contract; it does not address  
19 instances where a requestor has had a different type of contract with the department previously  
20 terminated. The amendments also distinguish contracts that were terminated for failure to maintain a  
21 minimum balance, exempting those instances from the additional approval requirements. The  
22 department considers terminations for failure to maintain a minimum balance to be less egregious, and  
23 therefore it does not require the same process for approval after termination.

1           The amendments to §217.130(b) incorporate "for reapproval" to conform with existing language  
2 in subsection (a). The amendments to §217.130(b)(1) clarify that the requestor's remedial efforts must be  
3 specific to preventing "the unlawful disclosure of personal information from the department" as that is  
4 the information protected under Transportation Code Chapter 730. The amendments to §217.130(b)(2)  
5 clarify that the requestor will provide the department information regarding agreements where the  
6 requestor anticipates it will redisclose the department's personal information in the future. Since the  
7 requestor will likely not be in possession of personal information from department motor vehicle records  
8 at the time of the request for reapproval, any redisclosure agreement with a third party will be dependent  
9 upon the department's decision to reapprove. The amendments to §217.130(b)(3) remove the terms  
10 "reselling" and "resell" to conform with amendments in SB 15 to Transportation Code §730.013 and  
11 improve readability. The amendments to §217.130(b)(3) clarify that this section only addresses the  
12 redisclosure of the personal information from department motor vehicle records, not personal  
13 information received from another source. Transportation Code Chapter 730 applies to other agencies in  
14 addition to the department, and the department recognized that an authorized recipient may receive  
15 information from more than one agency. The amendments to subsection (b)(3) also remove the  
16 notification requirement regarding resale or redisclosure, as the stated elements are not necessary in  
17 every case. Should the department want to know information about a redisclosure after a new contract  
18 to access personal information is in place, the department is authorized to request that information under  
19 Transportation Code §730.007(g), making the requirement in §217.130(b)(3) unnecessary.

20           The amendments to §217.130(c) improve readability by removing "any of the terms of" because  
21 the language is unnecessary. The amendments to subsection (c) broaden the subsection's use of a "service  
22 agreement" to a "contract with the department to access motor vehicle records" for consistency within  
23 the subchapter. These amendments incorporate the newly defined "bulk contracts," clarifying that this

1 subsection applies to all contracts for motor vehicle records, not just service agreements. The  
2 amendments change "inability" to "ineligibility" to conform with Transportation Code §730.016. Lastly,  
3 the amendments to subsection (c) clarify that failure to comply could result in a permanent inability to  
4 receive the department's motor vehicle records, as the department cannot limit the release of motor  
5 vehicle records from other agencies due to a violation of a contract with the department.

6 **Section 217.131.** New §217.131 implements SB 15's requirement in Transportation Code  
7 §730.0121 that "[a]n agency by rule shall require a requestor to delete from the requestor's records  
8 personal information received from the agency under this chapter if the requestor becomes aware that  
9 the requestor is not an authorized recipient of that information."

10 New §217.131(a) establishes a slightly modified definition of "requestor" for the purposes of this  
11 section. Section 217.122(b)(2) defines "requestor" as "a person, this state, or an agency of this state  
12 seeking personal information contained in motor vehicle records directly from the department." New  
13 §217.131(a) specifies that this section applies to any person or entity that has been a requestor in the  
14 past, regardless of whether the requestor is still actively seeking records from the department. This  
15 section allows the rule to more closely conform with Transportation Code §730.0121, while avoiding any  
16 unintended consequence of the definition of "requestor" under §217.122(b)(2).

17 New §217.131(b) establishes a 90-day timeframe in which a requestor will complete the deletions  
18 required by Transportation Code §730.0121. The department recognized that a person may not be able  
19 to immediately delete all the department's personal information from its system, so the amendments  
20 establish a reasonable period to complete the deletion. This deadline also balances the public's interest  
21 in unauthorized persons promptly deleting this protected information.

22 New §217.131(c) and (d) clarify when the timeframe under subsection (b) will begin by addressing  
23 when a requestor "becomes aware that the requestor is not an authorized recipient," under

1 Transportation Code §730.0121. Subsection (b) establishes a notice requirement for the requestor--if the  
2 requestor becomes aware that they are not an authorized recipient without receiving notice from the  
3 department, then the requestor will notify the department of the date the requestor became aware. The  
4 department has an interest in knowing when a person becomes aware that they are not an authorized  
5 recipient to monitor compliance with Transportation Code §730.0121's deletion requirements. If the  
6 department has questions regarding the date or what caused the requestor to become aware that it is  
7 not an authorized recipient, it can ask those questions under Transportation Code §730.007(g).

8         New §217.131(d) establishes that if the department determines that the requestor is not an  
9 authorized recipient before the requestor becomes aware, then the department will send a notice to the  
10 requestor. Under new subsection (c), the date of the department's notice to the requestor begins the  
11 timeline to delete the personal information in §217.131(b).

12         New §217.131(e) establishes that the requestor must notify the department when the  
13 information has been deleted. This will allow the department to monitor compliance with the 90-day  
14 deadline and to confirm compliance with Transportation Code §730.0121.

15         **Section 217.132.** New §217.132 addresses notice requirements for persons who have become  
16 ineligible to receive information under Transportation Code §730.016.

17         New §217.132(a) establishes a 15-day timeframe in which a person who has become ineligible to  
18 receive information under Transportation Code §730.016 must notify the department of the court's ruling  
19 that is the basis of the ineligibility. Cases involving violations of Transportation Code Chapter 730 and the  
20 associated rules adopted by the department are criminal cases, which may occur without extensive  
21 involvement from the department. It is imperative that the department know when a person becomes  
22 ineligible to take steps to ensure that the department does not make future disclosures to that person.  
23 Because the department may not be notified by the court when a ruling has been issued, this new rule

1 puts the burden on the person in possession of personal information from the department to provide  
2 notice to the department.

3 New §217.132(b) establishes that the requestor must notify the department when the personal  
4 information previously disclosed has been deleted. This will allow the department to monitor compliance  
5 with Transportation Code §730.016's one-year deadline to delete the personal information from  
6 department motor vehicle records.

7 **Section 217.133.** New §217.133 implements SB 15's requirement under Transportation Code  
8 §730.014(c)(7) that an authorized recipient under a bulk contract must "annually provide to the agency a  
9 report of all third parties to which the personal information was disclosed under this section and the  
10 purpose of the disclosure." New §217.133 establishes the reporting period for the annual report, the  
11 required elements of an annual report, the process for requesting an extension for filing the annual report,  
12 the repercussions of failing to file the annual report, and the requirement for a final annual report at the  
13 termination of a contact.

14 New §217.133(a) establishes that an authorized recipient under a bulk contract must submit an  
15 annual report to the department electronically, using a form prescribed by the department. The  
16 department will provide a form for the annual report to aid contract holders in providing consistent and  
17 compliant reports. New §217.133(a) establishes the reporting period as a 12-month period that begins  
18 September 1st of the previous year. For example, the annual report due on October 1, 2026, would cover  
19 September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. The department considered other cyclical obligations its  
20 staff might have at various times of the year before choosing the 12-month period for the annual report.  
21 The October 1st due date should facilitate a prompt review by department staff of the significant amount  
22 of information the department anticipates it will receive from its bulk contract holders.

1           New §217.133(b) specifies what information is required in an annual report. New §217.133(b)(1)  
2 implements the requirement from Transportation Code §730.014(c)(7) that the annual report include the  
3 name of each third party to whom the contracted party provided personal information from department  
4 motor vehicle records. New §217.133(b)(1) requires both the name of the person who made the request  
5 and the business or entity for whom the request was made, if known. New §217.133(b)(1) addresses the  
6 requirement in Transportation Code §730.013(c)(1) that an authorized recipient maintain records "as to  
7 any person or entity" to whom the authorized recipient rediscloses personal information from  
8 department motor vehicle records. The information provided in the annual report is also necessary for  
9 the department to monitor compliance, as required under Transportation Code §730.014(f)(1), and to  
10 monitor whether people who are ineligible to receive personal information under Transportation Code  
11 §730.016 are acquiring the department's personal information from an authorized recipient.

12           New §217.133(b)(2) implements the requirement from Transportation Code §730.014(c)(7) that  
13 the annual report include the third party's permitted use under Transportation Code §730.007.  
14 Transportation Code §730.013(b) only allows the authorized recipient to redisclose "for a use permitted  
15 under Section 730.007"; therefore, every third party must inform the authorized recipient of their  
16 permitted use before personal information can be redisclosed. If a third party claims more than one  
17 permitted use, the annual report should reflect each permitted use.

18           New §217.133(c) requires an annual report to contain the signature of the requestor certifying  
19 that the statements made in the annual report are true and correct. If the requestor is an organization or  
20 entity, new §217.133(c) requires an officer or director to sign the annual report on the organization's or  
21 entity's behalf. While the information for the annual report may be assembled by other staff, new  
22 §217.133(c) requires the signature of an officer or director certifying that the information in the annual  
23 report is true and correct. The certification will ensure that the organization's or entity's upper

1 management understands the requestor's use of the personal information from department motor  
2 vehicle records and whether the requestor's processes comply with Transportation Code Chapter 730.  
3 This certification will provide assurances to the department that the requestor has confirmed the  
4 information in the annual report is correct before submission. This certification is not required to be  
5 notarized.

6           New §217.133(d) addresses an authorized recipient's request for an extension to file the annual  
7 report. The department understands that circumstances may arise that affect an authorized recipient's  
8 ability to timely file an annual report. New §217.133(d) establishes a process for requesting an extension.  
9 A request for an extension must be made in writing, no later than September 1st, one month before the  
10 annual report is due. A request for an extension must include proof of an event beyond the control of the  
11 authorized recipient that is preventing the timely submission of the annual report. The department will  
12 consider the request and may grant an extension of up to two months, resulting in a due date as late as  
13 December 1st. Because the information for the annual report will be pulled from records that are required  
14 to be maintained by the authorized recipient under §217.127, gathering the information is not expected  
15 to be an arduous task for the authorized recipient. If the authorized recipient is unable to file an annual  
16 report by December 1st, the department will evaluate possible repercussions under new §217.133(e).

17           New §217.133(e) establishes the possible repercussions for failing to timely submit an annual  
18 report or failing to properly request an extension for filing the annual report. Failing to timely submit the  
19 annual report is a violation of new §217.133 and the terms of a bulk contract. Under Transportation Code  
20 §730.014(g)(1), if the department determines a person has violated the terms or conditions of a contract,  
21 the department is authorized to cease disclosing personal information and allow the person to remedy  
22 the violation. New §217.133(e) establishes that if the authorized recipient fails to meet the annual report  
23 deadlines, the department may cease disclosing records under the bulk contract, under Transportation



1 Code §730.014(g)(1). If the authorized recipient does not remedy the violation by December 1st, the  
2 department may terminate the bulk contract for a violation of new §217.133 and any associated terms or  
3 conditions of the contract.

4 New §217.133(f) establishes a requirement for a final report at the termination of a bulk contract.

5 This requirement for a final report provides the department with information on any redisclosures that  
6 occurred since the authorized recipient filed their last annual report or since the execution of the contract,  
7 if the person has not previously filed an annual report. The requirement for a final report addresses the  
8 possibility of contract holders attempting to avoid the reporting requirements by terminating their bulk  
9 contract before October 1st. The deadline to submit the final report is 90 days after the date of the end  
10 of the contract, which should provide sufficient time to any contract holders that may be taking other  
11 steps to wind down their business. Failure to submit a final report will be a violation of §217.133, which  
12 may result in the person becoming ineligible to receive future personal information under Transportation  
13 Code §730.016.

14 **FISCAL NOTE AND LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENT.** Glenna Bowman, Chief Financial Officer,  
15 has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed amendments and new sections are  
16 in effect, there will be no significant fiscal impact to state or local governments resulting from the  
17 enforcement or administration of the proposal. The proposed amendments do not increase or decrease  
18 state revenues, and any changes to the cost of compliance will be insignificant.

19 The proposal may result in minor increases in costs associated with executing a modified form for  
20 requesting personal information, applying for a contract to access bulk records, or entering into a contract  
21 to access bulk records, but the completion of those forms, applications, and contracts is necessary to  
22 implement SB 15 and Transportation Code Chapter 730. Any proposed requirements for these forms,  
23 applications, and contracts will have a minimal impact on the existing cost of gathering and providing the

1 required information that cannot be estimated. Under the proposal's new definition of bulk, some  
2 requests by state and local government may require a contract, where the same request under the  
3 existing subchapter would not have required a contract. The department evaluated the requests received  
4 from this fiscal year, and while it received some requests from local governments for records in bulk, most  
5 of those requests were related to issues the department was referring out to law enforcement. After SB  
6 15, a referral to law enforcement is a disclosure under Transportation Code §730.007(a-1) and, therefore,  
7 would not require a bulk contract. Should a state or local government require a bulk contract, the impact  
8 will be limited to the time needed to complete and submit the application and the contract itself, since  
9 Transportation Code §730.014 exempts state and local governments from the bond and insurance  
10 requirements. Any proposed requirements for the application or contract will have a minimal impact on  
11 the existing cost of gathering and providing the required information.

12 State and local governments may see an increase in cost related to the enactment of SB 15's  
13 annual report requirement under Transportation Code §730.014(c)(7), but the cost associated with  
14 §217.133 is not expected to be significant.

15 The proposal also reduces the burden for complying with requirements for forms, applications,  
16 and contracts imposed on state and local governments. Proposed amendments to increase readability  
17 and clarity will ease any burden associated with interpreting how to comply with requirements. Allowing  
18 for electronic signatures will allow state and local governments to submit requests electronically and  
19 reduce costs associated with printing and mailing request forms to the department when they are not  
20 required to pay fees for motor vehicle records. State and local governments are in the best position to  
21 estimate cost reductions related to electronic signing and submission of documents under §217.123, and  
22 §217.133. The proposal also reduces compliance costs to local law enforcement agencies by making it  
23 easier for those entities to request records from the department, specifically by allowing for additional

1 options for proof of identity and creating a process for submitting verbal requests. Law enforcement  
2 agencies are in the best position to estimate the cost savings associated with these proposed new  
3 sections.

4 Roland D. Luna, Sr., Director of the Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, has determined that  
5 there will be no measurable effect on local employment or the local economy as a result of the proposal.

6 **PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST NOTE.** Mr. Luna has also determined that, for each year of the first five years  
7 the proposed amendments are in effect, there are several public benefits anticipated because of the  
8 enforcement and administration of the proposal, as well as potential costs for persons required to comply  
9 with the proposal. The department drafted the proposal to maximize public benefits associated with  
10 protecting the interest of an individual's personal privacy under Transportation Code Chapter 730 while  
11 mitigating costs associated with compliance.

12 **Anticipated public benefits.**

13 The anticipated public benefits generally include (i) updates to the existing rules to comply with  
14 legislation enacted by SB 15; (ii) clarification of existing rules to facilitate compliance, implementation,  
15 and enforcement of these rules; and (iii) improvements to the processes for requesting personal  
16 information from department motor vehicle records.

17 *Compliance with legislation.* The anticipated public benefits of the proposed amendments and  
18 new sections include implementing SB 15 and ensuring that the department's rules are accurate and  
19 transparent by reflecting current Transportation Code Chapter 730. The proposed new sections that  
20 create additional options for requests from law enforcement agencies will benefit the public's interest in  
21 SB 15's focus on criminal offenses. The proposal also adds a new section addressing the public's interest  
22 in determining when a person who was previously thought to be authorized recipient of the department's

1 personal information is not authorized under Transportation Code Chapter 730 and requiring the deletion  
2 of any personal information already provided to that person.

3 *Clarification of existing rules.* Additionally, the anticipated public benefits of the proposed  
4 amendments that clarify or improve the readability and ease of understanding of existing rules include:  
5 (i) the use of consistent terminology throughout the subchapter; (ii) increased specificity in the  
6 subchapter's limitation to only address personal information from the department's motor vehicle  
7 records, not other sources; (iii) updated references and citations; (iv) increased clarity regarding the  
8 requirements when requesting or applying for contracts to access motor vehicle records; (v) the  
9 consolidation of duplicative regulations and removal of unnecessary regulations; (vi) increased clarity  
10 regarding when additional documentation establishing a person's permitted use may be required; and  
11 (vii) increased clarity regarding the process for requesting a subsequent contract for access to motor  
12 vehicle records after a previous contract was terminated.

13 *Improvements to processes for requests.* In addition to the increased ease of compliance provided  
14 by the increased clarity of the proposed amendments, the department anticipates the public will benefit  
15 from other proposed process improvements. The proposed amendments allow for electronic signatures  
16 on forms and applications, which should allow for easier electronic completion of required documents.  
17 The proposed amendments also clarify the existing two-step process for entering into a contract to access  
18 motor vehicle records, involving the initial application and then the contract execution. The increased  
19 visibility into the department's processes will limit confusion and processing costs on behalf of requestors.

20 **Anticipated costs to comply with the proposal.**

21 There are anticipated costs to the public associated with the proposed amendments and new  
22 sections, and these costs may be incurred (i) when providing reasonable assurances as to the requestor's  
23 permitted use, (ii) when entering into contracts to access motor vehicle records, or (iii) in compliance with

1 record retention and reporting requirements. The costs associated with the proposal are insignificant and  
2 incidental to costs required by SB 15. The department evaluated each cost and decided that they were  
3 necessary to protect the public's interest in the privacy of personal information.

4 *Costs associated with providing reasonable assurances on permitted use.* Requestors from the  
5 public may incur costs associated with providing additional documentation to prove the requestor's  
6 permitted use under the proposed §217.125. The proposed amendments require the submission of  
7 additional documents for requests under some permitted uses. These proposed amendments and new  
8 subsection are necessary to implement SB 15's amendments to the permitted uses in Transportation Code  
9 §730.007(a)(2). The additional requirements are not arduous and can be met with information that should  
10 be in the requestor's possession, if they qualify for the permitted use. Requestors may also incur  
11 additional costs if they are required to provide additional information after the request to prove they  
12 qualified for a permitted use under the proposed §217.125(d). The requestor is required to provide the  
13 department with reasonable assurances that it qualifies to receive the records, under Transportation Code  
14 §730.007 and §730.012. Because requestors are required by Transportation Code Chapter 730 to provide  
15 reasonable assurances of their permitted use to the department, any costs of complying with the  
16 proposed §217.125 requirements to provide information regarding the requestor's permitted use for the  
17 personal information are not the result of the proposed rules.

18 *Costs associated with entering into contracts.* The proposed amendments and new sections will  
19 likely increase costs to persons whose requests require entering into a contract. The costs of entering into  
20 a bulk contract are directly related to the implementation of SB 15's required terms for bulk contracts  
21 under Transportation Code §730.014(c) and any costs related to the requirements from the proposal are  
22 insignificant and incidental to costs required by SB 15.

1           First, the department anticipates there may be costs associated with the process of entering into  
2 a bulk contract. These costs may be incurred by members of the public who are currently under a contract  
3 with the department for an information product that the proposal defines as a bulk file, future requestors  
4 of one of the defined bulk files, and future requestors of bulk records that are not one of the defined bulk  
5 files. Authorized recipients who currently receive information products that the proposal defines as "bulk"  
6 under a service agreement will be required to enter into a new "bulk contract." Requestors required to  
7 switch from a service agreement to a bulk contract should not incur a significant cost because of the  
8 proposed contracting process for a bulk contract. For future requests for bulk files, those requestors will  
9 not incur a significant cost because of the proposal, since they would be required to go through a similar  
10 contracting process under the existing rules. For future requests for bulk records that are not one of the  
11 defined bulk files, the department evaluated requests for motor vehicle records over the course of this  
12 fiscal year and found no requests, other than requests for defined bulk files, that would have required a  
13 member of the public to enter into a bulk contract under the proposal. Therefore, the department  
14 anticipates that the proposal will not result in a significant increase in contract costs for the public.

15           Before the department can start the process of executing a contract, the requestor must first  
16 apply for a contract. The proposal clarifies the department's existing process of the requestor filing an  
17 application for a service agreement, which provides the department with proof of the requestor's identity  
18 and permitted use, as required by Transportation Code §730.007(a)(1), before it begins the contract  
19 execution process. The proposed new sections incorporate this process into the issuance of bulk  
20 contracts. The requirements for the application are not difficult to meet and the amendment to the  
21 definition for signature will allow the applications to be completed electronically, minimizing the cost to  
22 the requestor.

1           The proposal includes new sections which specify the amounts for the performance bond and  
2 insurance coverage required under SB 15's Transportation Code §730.014(c). New §217.123(f)(2)(A)  
3 establishes that, for bulk contracts with the department, performance bonds must be in the amount of  
4 \$1 million and specifically tied to compliance with Transportation Code Chapter 730 and this subchapter.  
5 The department considered requiring varying bond amounts based on the permitted use or requestor,  
6 but determined that because the requestors' obligations to protect the department's personal  
7 information does not significantly vary between bulk contracts that there was not a fair or logical basis for  
8 the variation. New §217.123(f)(2)(B) establishes that a requestor must provide proof of at least \$3 million  
9 in coverage that complies with Transportation Code §730.014(c)(3). This is the minimum amount of  
10 coverage required by §730.014(c)(3). The requirement provides requestors with flexibility to evaluate  
11 their business and determine their coverage needs to pay within the statutory requirement. Any costs of  
12 complying with §217.123(f) are a result of enacting SB 15's Transportation Code §730.014(c).

13           *Costs associated with records and reports.* The proposed amendments and new sections will likely  
14 result in increased costs to regulated entities that are required to provide annual reports regarding those  
15 redisclosures to the department. These costs will only be incurred by authorized recipients under a bulk  
16 contract who redisclose information. The data required in the annual report is required by SB 15's  
17 Transportation Code §730.014(c)(7) and is required to be maintained in existing §217.127. Since  
18 maintaining the data is already required, current contract holders should not experience significant costs  
19 to comply with the proposal. Authorized recipients may need to modify systems or hire personnel to meet  
20 the requirements of the annual report, but those are business decisions of the authorized recipient and  
21 are beyond the scope of the department to determine. The annual report will be submitted electronically,  
22 which will eliminate any cost associated with printing and mailing the report. The proposal also requires  
23 the submission of a final report at the end of the contract. Any cost associated with providing this final

1 annual report is outweighed by the public benefit of the department receiving the redisclosure  
2 information and by eliminating a potential legal loophole where a requestor could avoid filing the annual  
3 report by canceling their contract before the due date.

4 **ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT AND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS.** Mr. Luna has also  
5 determined that there could be an adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, and  
6 rural communities who currently receive or in the future will request personal information from  
7 department motor vehicle records in bulk. The cost analysis in the Public Benefit and Cost Note section of  
8 this proposal also applies to small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities. While rural  
9 communities will likely be exempt from a bulk contract's performance bond and insurance requirement  
10 under Transportation Code §730.014(d), they are not exempt from other costs associated with entering  
11 into a contract and producing annual reports. The department does not have sufficient information to  
12 estimate the number of small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities that may be affected  
13 by the proposal.

14 The primary objective of this proposal is to ensure the protection of an individual's personal  
15 privacy by prohibiting the disclosure and use of personal information contained in motor vehicle records,  
16 except as authorized in Transportation Code Chapter 730 and enacting SB 15's amendments to the  
17 chapter. The department considered the following options to minimize any adverse effect on small  
18 businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities while accomplishing the proposal's objectives:

19 (1) exempting small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities from bulk contract  
20 requirements;

21 (2) modifying the performance bond and insurance coverage amounts for small and micro-  
22 businesses; and



1 (3) creating a separate, non-bulk information product to access motor vehicle records that meets the  
2 needs of small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities and avoids the requirements  
3 of bulk contracts.

4 In considering Option 1, the department believes that, absent a statutorily created exemption, it  
5 would be against the statute and legislative intent to exempt small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural  
6 communities from the bulk contract requirements. Transportation Code §730.014(d) created the only  
7 exemption regarding bulk contracts—it exempts a government agency, including a court or law  
8 enforcement agency, from the performance bond and insurance coverage requirements. Since the  
9 legislature created this one exemption, and no others, it would be against legislative intent for the  
10 department to exempt small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities from the bulk contract  
11 requirements.

12 In considering Option 2, the department decided that the rule cannot fairly and logically vary the  
13 bond amount, nor can it reduce the insurance amount. The department considered requiring varying bond  
14 amounts based on the permitted use or requestor but determined that because the requestors'  
15 obligations to protect the department's personal information does not significantly vary between bulk  
16 contracts that there was not a fair or logical basis for the variation. As for the insurance amount, the  
17 proposal requires the minimum amount of insurance coverage required by the statute, therefore the  
18 department is unable to reduce the cost associated with that coverage for small businesses, micro-  
19 businesses, and rural communities and still comply with Transportation Code §730.014(c)(3). To ensure  
20 that all bulk contracts provide the same levels of protection, the department opted not to modify the  
21 bond and insurance amounts for small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities.

22 In considering Option 3, the department decided that creating a separate, non-bulk information  
23 product to access motor vehicle that meets the needs of small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural

1 communities and avoids the requirements of bulk contracts would not be in compliance with  
2 Transportation Code Chapter 730 or the Government Code Chapter 552. Any new product would meet  
3 Government Code Chapter 552's definition of "public information" and therefore would be required to be  
4 made available to any requestor. The department also determined the cost associated with attempting  
5 to meet the needs of all small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities would outweigh any  
6 benefit created by the new product.

7 **TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT.** The department has determined that no private real property interests  
8 are affected by this proposal and that this proposal does not restrict or limit an owner's right to property  
9 that would otherwise exist in the absence of government action and, therefore, does not constitute a  
10 taking or require a takings impact assessment under Government Code §2007.043.

11 **GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT.** The department has determined that each year of the first  
12 five years the proposed new section is in effect, the proposed rule:

- 13 - will not create or eliminate a government program;
- 14 - will not require the creation of new employee positions or the elimination of existing employee  
15 positions;
- 16 - will not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the department;
- 17 - will not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the department;
- 18 - will create new regulation;
- 19 - will expand existing regulations;
- 20 - will not repeal existing regulations;
- 21 - will not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability; and
- 22 - will not positively or adversely affect the Texas economy.

23 **REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

1 If you want to comment on the proposal, submit your written comments by 5:00 p.m. CST on August 22,  
2 2022. A request for a public hearing must be sent separately from your written comments. Send written  
3 comments or hearing requests by email to *rules@txdmv.gov* or by mail to Office of General Counsel, Texas  
4 Department of Motor Vehicles, 4000 Jackson Avenue, Austin, Texas 78731. If a hearing is held, the  
5 department will consider written comments and public testimony presented at the hearing.

6 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY.** The department proposes amendments to §§217.122, 217.123, 217.124,  
7 217.125, 217.126, 217.127, 217.128, 217.129, and 217.130 and proposes new §§ 217.131, 217.132, and  
8 217.133 under Transportation Code Chapter 730.

9 Transportation Code §730.014 authorizes the department to adopt rules to administer  
10 Transportation Code Chapter 730.

11 Transportation Code §730.0121 and §730.016 provides that the department shall establish rules  
12 to require a requestor to delete the department's personal information from its records if the requestor  
13 becomes aware that they are not an authorized recipient or they are convicted of an offense under  
14 Chapter 730.

15 Transportation Code §1002.001 authorizes the board to adopt rules that are necessary and  
16 appropriate to implement the powers and the duties of the department.

17 **CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE.** Transportation Code §§730.001-730.016.

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19 **TEXT.**

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#### **Subchapter F. Motor Vehicle Records**

21 **43 TAC §§217.122, 217.123, 217.124, 217.125, 217.126, 217.127, 217.128, 217.129, 217.130, 217.131,**

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**217.132, and 217.133**

23 **§217.122. Definitions.**

1            (a) Words and terms defined in Transportation Code Chapter 730 have the same meaning when  
2 used in this subchapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

3            (b) The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following  
4 meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

5                    (1) ~~[Authorized recipient--A person receiving motor vehicle records as defined by this~~  
6 ~~subchapter, in a manner authorized by Transportation Code, Chapter 730.]~~

7                    ~~[(2) Department--Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.~~

8                    ~~[(3) Motor vehicle records--Information regarding the titling or registration of motor~~  
9 ~~vehicles, which may include the make, vehicle identification number, year, model, body style, license~~  
10 ~~number of a motor vehicle, and the name, address, and social security number of an owner or lienholder.]~~

11                    ~~[(4) Personal information--Information that identifies an individual, including an~~  
12 ~~individual's photograph or computerized image, social security number, driver identification number,~~  
13 ~~personal identification certificate number, name, telephone number, medical or disability information,~~  
14 ~~license plate number, or address other than the postal routing code.]~~

15                    (2) ~~[(5)]~~ Requestor--A person, this state, or an agency of this state seeking personal  
16 information contained in motor vehicle records directly from the department.

17                    (3) ~~[(6)]~~ Service agreement--A contractual agreement with the department that allows a  
18 requestor electronic ~~[individuals, businesses or governmental entities or institutions to]~~ access to  
19 department ~~[the department's]~~ motor vehicle records.

20                    (4) ~~[(7)]~~ Written request--A request submitted ~~[made]~~ in writing, including by mail,  
21 electronic mail, electronic media, and facsimile transmission.

22                    (5) Signature--Includes an electronic signature, as defined by Transportation Code  
23 §501.172, to the extent the department accepts such electronic signature.

1           (6) Batch Inquiry--Access, under a service agreement, to department motor vehicle  
2 records associated with Texas license plate numbers or vehicle identification numbers, where requests  
3 are submitted electronically to the department in a prescribed batch format. The department makes a  
4 disclosure for each record in a batch.

5           (7) MVInet Access--Electronic access, under a service agreement, to the department's  
6 motor vehicle registration and title database, with the ability to query records by a Texas license plate  
7 number, vehicle identification number, placard number, or current or previous document number. The  
8 department makes a disclosure each time a query of the system is made.

9           8) Bulk--A disclosure by the department under Transportation Code §730.007 of at least  
10 250 motor vehicle records containing personal information, including any of the files defined by  
11 subsection (b)(10) - (13) of this section.

12           (9) Bulk contract--A contractual agreement with the department for the disclosure of  
13 motor vehicle records in bulk to the requestor.

14           (10) Master File--A bulk file containing all the department's active and inactive  
15 registration and title records.

16           (11) Weekly Updates--A bulk file containing the department's new and renewed vehicle  
17 registration and title records from the previous week.

18           (12) Specialty Plates File--A bulk file containing Texas specialty license plate records.

19           (13) eTAG File--A bulk file containing records related to new or updated eTAGs, vehicle  
20 transfer notifications, and plate-to-owner records.

21           (14) Dealer/Supplemental File--A pair of files, one containing records of registration and  
22 title transactions processed by dealers with the department during the previous week and another

1 containing the dealers' information, that are only available as a supplement to a bulk contract that  
2 includes the Weekly Updates.

3 **§217.123. Access to Motor Vehicle Records.**

4 (a) Except as required under subsection (f) of this section, a [Request for records. A] requestor  
5 seeking personal information from department motor vehicle records shall submit a written request in a  
6 [on the] form required by the department. [Information will be released only in accordance with Title 18  
7 U.S.C. §2721 et seq.; Transportation Code, Chapter 730; Government Code, §552.130; and this  
8 subchapter.] A completed and properly executed form must include [,at a minimum]:

9 (1) the name and address of the requestor;

10 (2) a description of the requested motor vehicle records, including the Texas license plate  
11 number, title or document number, or vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle about which  
12 information is requested;

13 (3) proof [a photocopy] of the requestor's identity, in accordance with subsections (b) or  
14 (c) of this section [identification];

15 (4) a statement that the requestor: ~~[requested information may only be released if the~~  
16 ~~requestor]~~

17 (A) is the subject of the record;

18 (B) ~~[if the requestor]~~ has the written consent of the person who is [authorization  
19 for release from] the subject of the record;~~[7]~~ or

20 (C) will strictly limit the use of the personal information in department motor  
21 vehicle records to [if the intended use is for] a permitted use under Transportation Code Chapter 730, as  
22 indicated on the form;

23 (5) a certification that the statements made on the form are true and correct; and

1 (6) the signature of the requestor.

2 (b) Except as required by subsection (c) of this section, a ~~[Identification required. A]~~ requestor  
3 must provide the requestor's ~~[may not apply for receipt of personal information unless the requestor~~  
4 ~~presents]~~ current photo identification containing a unique identification number. The identification  
5 ~~[document]~~ must be a:

6 (1) driver's license, Texas Department of Public Safety identification, or state  
7 identification certificate issued by a state or territory of the United States;

8 (2) United States or foreign passport;

9 (3) United States military identification card;

10 (4) United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and  
11 Immigration Services, or United States Department of State identification document;

12 (5) concealed handgun license or license to carry a handgun issued by the Texas  
13 Department of Public Safety under Government Code ~~[,]~~ Chapter 411, Subchapter H; or

14 (6) North Atlantic Treaty Organization identification or identification issued under a Status  
15 of Forces Agreement ~~[copy of current law enforcement credentials if the requestor is a law enforcement~~  
16 ~~officer].~~

17 (c) A requestor seeking personal information from department motor vehicle records for use by  
18 a law enforcement agency must:

19 (1) present the requestor's current law enforcement credentials;

20 (2) electronically submit the request in a manner that the department can verify that the  
21 requestor is acting on behalf of a law enforcement agency; or

22 (3) provide a written statement from a higher level in the chain of command on the law  
23 enforcement agency's letterhead stating that the requestor is not authorized to provide current law

1 enforcement credentials and identifying the law enforcement agency's incident or case number for which  
2 the personal information is needed.

3 (d) A requestor seeking personal information from department motor vehicle records for use by  
4 a law enforcement agency may submit a verbal request to the department if the law enforcement agency  
5 has provided reasonable assurances that were accepted by the department as to the identity of the  
6 requestor within the last 12 months on a form required by the department. If a request is submitted  
7 verbally, the department may require the requestor to confirm the request in writing.

8 (e) A requestor may receive electronic access to department motor vehicle records [~~(c) Electronic~~  
9 access. The department may make motor vehicle records available] under the terms and conditions of a  
10 [~~written~~] service agreement.

11 (1) Before a requestor can enter into a service agreement, the requestor must file a  
12 completed application on a form required by the department, for review and approval by the department.  
13 An application for a [~~Agreement with business or individuals. The written~~] service agreement must include  
14 [~~with a business or individual must contain~~]:

15 (A) a statement that the requestor will strictly limit the use of the personal  
16 information from department motor vehicle records to a permitted use under Transportation Code  
17 Chapter 730, as indicated on the application [~~the specified purpose of the agreement~~];

18 (B) the name and address of the requestor [~~an adjustable account, if applicable,~~  
19 in which an initial deposit and minimum balance is maintained in accordance with §217.124 of this title  
20 (relating to Cost of Motor Vehicle Records)];

21 (C) proof of the requestor's identity, in accordance with subsections (b) or (c) of  
22 this section [~~termination and default provisions~~];



1 (D) the ~~[contractor's]~~ signature of the requestor or, if the requestor is an  
2 organization or entity, the signature of an officer or director of the requestor; and

3 (E) a certification that the statements made in the application are true and  
4 correct. ~~[a statement that the use of motor vehicle records obtained by virtue of a service agreement is~~  
5 ~~conditional upon its being used:]~~

6 ~~[(i) in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §2721 et seq. and Transportation Code,~~  
7 ~~Chapter 730; and]~~

8 ~~[(ii) only for the purposes defined in the agreement; and]~~

9 ~~[(F) the statements required by subsection (a) of this section.]~~

10 (2) Unless the requestor is exempt from the payment of fees, a service agreement must  
11 contain an adjustable account, in which an initial deposit and minimum balance is maintained in  
12 accordance with §217.124 of this title (relating to Cost of Motor Vehicle Records). Notwithstanding  
13 §217.124 of this title, the department may modify initial deposit and minimum balance requirements  
14 depending on usage. ~~[Agreements with Texas governmental entities.]~~

15 ~~[(A) The written service agreement with a Texas governmental entity must~~  
16 ~~contain:]~~

17 ~~[(i) the specified purpose of the agreement;]~~

18 ~~[(ii) a statement that the use of motor vehicle records obtained by virtue~~  
19 ~~of a service agreement is conditional upon its being used in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §2721 et seq. and~~  
20 ~~Transportation Code, Chapter 730, and only for the purposes defined in the agreement;]~~

21 ~~[(iii) the statements required by subsection (a) of this section;]~~

22 ~~[(iv) the signature of an authorized official; and]~~



1                   (E) the signature of the requestor or, if the requestor is an organization or entity,  
2 the signature of an officer or director of the requestor.

3                   (2) Prior to the execution of a bulk contract, a requestor must provide proof the requestor  
4 has:

5                   (A) posted a \$1 million performance bond, payable to this state, conditioned upon  
6 the performance of all the requirements of Transportation Code Chapter 730 and this subchapter; and

7                   (B) insurance coverage in the amount of at least \$3 million and that meets the  
8 requirements of Transportation Code §730.014(c)(3).

9                   (g) If a person is convicted of an offense under Transportation Code Chapter 730 or is found by a  
10 court to have violated a rule under this subchapter, then any contract with that person to access  
11 department motor vehicle records is terminated as of the date of the court's final determination.

12                   (h) The requirements of this section do not apply to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal  
13 compulsion for the disclosure of personal information.

14                   (i) An authorized recipient will receive requested motor vehicle records in accordance with Title  
15 18 U.S.C. §2721 et seq.; Transportation Code Chapter 730; Government Code §552.130; and this  
16 subchapter.

17 **§217.124. Cost of Motor Vehicle Records.**

18                   (a) Standard costs. The department will charge fees in accordance with Government Code[;]  
19 Chapter 552 and the cost rules promulgated by the Office of the Attorney General in 1 Texas  
20 Administrative Code[;] Chapter 70 (relating to Cost of Copies of Public Information).

21                   (b) Law enforcement. An employee of a state, federal, or local law enforcement agency [entity] is  
22 exempt from the payment of fees for motor vehicle records in subsection (c)(1) - (4) of this section if the  
23 records are necessary to carry out lawful functions of the law enforcement agency.

1 (c) Motor vehicle record costs [~~For new contracts and renewals, the costs are~~]:

2 (1) Title history - \$5.75;

3 (2) Certified title history - \$6.75;

4 (3) Title and registration verification (record search) - \$2.30; and

5 (4) Certified title and registration verification (record search) - \$3.30. [~~and~~]

6 [~~(5) Duplicate registration receipt for current registration period - \$2.~~]

7 (d) Electronic motor vehicle records and files: [-]

8 (1) Master File [~~file of motor vehicle registration and title database~~] - \$5,000 plus \$.38 per  
9 1,000 records;

10 (2) Weekly Updates [~~updates to motor vehicle registration and title database~~] - deposit of  
11 \$1,755 and \$135 per week;

12 (3) eTAG File [~~e-Tag file~~] - deposit of \$845 and \$65 per week;

13 (4) Dealer/Supplemental File [~~Dealer supplemental file~~] - deposit of \$1,235 and \$95 per  
14 week;

15 (5) Specialty Plates File [~~plates file~~] - deposit of \$1,235 and \$95 per week;

16 (6) Batch Inquiry [~~inquiry to motor vehicle registration and title database~~] - deposit of  
17 \$1,000, minimum balance of \$750 and \$23 per run plus \$.12 per record;

18 (7) MVINet Access [~~Online motor vehicle inquiry (MVInet) access~~] - deposit of \$200,  
19 minimum balance of \$150 and \$23 per month plus \$.12 per record; and

20 (8) Scofflaw remarks (inquiry, addition, or deletion) - deposit of \$500, minimum balance  
21 of \$350 and \$23 per run plus \$.12 per record.

22 (e) Texas governmental entities, as defined in Government Code §2252.001, the Texas Law  
23 Enforcement Telecommunication System, and toll project entities, as defined by Transportation Code

1 §372.001, are exempt from the payment of fees, except for the fees listed in ~~[Exemption applicability. The~~  
2 ~~exemption granted in §217.123(c)(2)(B) of this title (relating to Access to Motor Vehicle Records) does not~~  
3 ~~apply to]~~ subsection (d)(1), (6), or (8) of this section.

4 (f) Reciprocity agreements. The department may enter into reciprocity agreements for records  
5 access with other governmental entities that may waive some or all of the fees established in this section.

6 **§217.125. Additional Documentation Related to ~~[Certain]~~ Permitted Uses.**

7 (a) The department may require a requestor to provide reasonable assurance as to the identity of  
8 the requestor and that the use of motor vehicle records is only as authorized under Transportation Code  
9 ~~[,]~~ §730.012(a). Where applicable, each requestor submitting a request for motor vehicle records shall  
10 provide documentation satisfactory to the department that they are authorized to request the  
11 information on behalf of the organization, entity, ~~[business]~~ or government agency ~~[entity]~~ authorized to  
12 receive the information.

13 (b) Requestors seeking personal information from motor vehicle records from the department for  
14 a permitted use listed in this subsection must submit additional documentation. ~~[Disclosure under the~~  
15 ~~following permitted uses requires additional documentation submitted to the department:]~~

16 (1) A request under Transportation Code~~[,]~~ §730.007(a)(2)(C) must include ~~[requires~~  
17 ~~submitting]~~ the personal information the business is attempting to verify against the department's motor  
18 vehicle records and documentation sufficient to prove the requestor is a business actively licensed by,  
19 registered with, or subject to regulatory oversight by a government agency.

20 (2) A request under Transportation Code~~[,]~~ §730.007(a)(2)(D) must include ~~[requires~~  
21 ~~submitting]~~ proof of a legal proceeding, or if no proceeding has been initiated, proof the requestor is in  
22 anticipation of litigation ~~[proceeding].~~

1           (3) A request under Transportation Code[;] §730.007(a)(2)(E) must include [~~requires~~  
2 ~~submitting~~] documentation sufficient to prove the requestor is employed in a researching occupation.

3           (4) A request under Transportation Code[;] §730.007(a)(2)(F) must include an active  
4 [~~requires submitting a~~] license number provided by the Texas Department of Insurance or an active out-  
5 of-state license number provided by the relevant regulatory authority, an active [a] license number the  
6 insurance support organization is working under, or proof of self-insurance.

7           (5) A request under Transportation Code[;] §730.007(a)(2)(G) must include an active  
8 [~~requires submitting a~~] license number provided by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation or  
9 an active out-of-state license number provided by the relevant regulatory authority.

10           (6) A request under Transportation Code[;] §730.007(a)(2)(H) must include an active  
11 [~~requires submitting a~~] license number provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety or an active  
12 out-of-state license number provided by the relevant regulatory authority.

13           (7) A request under Transportation Code[;] §730.007(a)(2)(I) must include [~~requires~~  
14 ~~submitting~~] a copy of an active [the] commercial driver's license.

15           (8) A request under Transportation Code[;] §730.007(a)(2)(J) must include  
16 [~~requires submitting~~] documentation to relate the requested personal information with the  
17 operation of a [~~private~~] toll transportation facility or another type of transportation project as  
18 described by Transportation Code §370.003.

19           (9) A request under Transportation Code[;] §730.007(a)(2)(K) must include [~~requires a~~  
20 ~~consumer reporting agency, as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. §1681 et. seq.), to~~  
21 ~~submit~~] documentation on official letterhead indicating a permitted use for personal information, as  
22 defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. §1681 et. Seq.) [that Act].

1           (10) A request under Transportation Code §730.007(a)(2)(L) must include an active license  
2 number of a manufacturer, dealership, or distributor issued by the department or an active out-of-state  
3 license number provided by the relevant regulatory authority.

4           (11) A request under Transportation Code §730.007(a)(2)(M) must include an active  
5 license or registration number of a salvage vehicle dealer, an independent motor vehicle dealer, or a  
6 wholesale motor vehicle dealer issued by the department; or an active license issued by the Texas  
7 Department of Licensing and Regulation to a used automotive parts recycler; or other proof that the  
8 requestor is subject to regulatory oversight by an entity listed in Transportation Code  
9 §730.007(a)(2)(M)(iv).

10           (c) The department may require a requestor to provide additional information to clarify the  
11 requestor's use of the personal information under Transportation Code Chapter 730, if the reasonable  
12 assurances provided with the request are not satisfactory to the department. [Regarding §217.125(b)(4-  
13 6), the department may accept active out-of-state licenses as documentation of a permitted use. Under  
14 this subsection, the department will limit access to a record-by-record basis].

15 **§217.126. Limitations on ~~Resale and~~ Redisclosure.**

16           (a) Authorized recipients may only ~~resell or~~ redisclose personal information from department  
17 motor vehicle records to other authorized recipients and not in the identical or substantially identical  
18 format as disclosed ~~provided~~ by the department.

19           (b) The department may request information regarding how a person to whom the authorized  
20 recipient may redisclose personal information represents to the authorized recipient that the person has  
21 a permitted use under Transportation Code §730.007. [Authorized recipients may not resell or redisclose  
22 the entire motor vehicle records database in its complete bulk format.]

1 (c) Any authorized recipient ~~[reselling or]~~ redisclosing personal information from department  
2 motor vehicle records must inform the person to whom they are ~~[reselling or]~~ redisclosing of their  
3 obligations under Transportation Code ~~[,]~~ Chapter 730 and this subchapter.

4 (d) An authorized recipient who resold personal information from department motor vehicle  
5 records prior to June 18, 2021, is subject to the limitations in this section for that resale. ~~[Any authorized~~  
6 ~~recipient is responsible for misuse of personal information by any person to whom they redisclosed the~~  
7 ~~information receiving their version of the information, regardless of whether the authorized recipient~~  
8 ~~approved or was aware of subsequent transfers of the information.]~~

9 **§217.127. Records Maintained by Recipients Who ~~[Resell or]~~ Redisclose Personal Information.**

10 (a) Authorized recipients who ~~[resell or]~~ redisclose personal information from department motor  
11 vehicle records are required to maintain records of that transaction.

12 (b) Records must be maintained for not less than five years and must include:

13 (1) the name and contact information of any person to whom the authorized recipient  
14 ~~[recipient of resold or]~~ redisclosed personal information from the department ~~[contained in]~~ motor  
15 vehicle records, including both the individual's name and the organization or entity with which the  
16 individual is associated, when known;

17 (2) the person's permitted use under Transportation Code §730.007 for ~~[which]~~ the  
18 personal information from the department motor vehicle records ~~[were released]~~, and any ~~[or]~~  
19 documentation the authorized recipient received related to the person's permitted use ~~[in accordance~~  
20 ~~with §217.125(b)]~~;

21 (3) the quantity of motor vehicle records redisclosed ~~[sold or disclosed]~~ to the ~~[each~~  
22 ~~subsequent]~~ person under each permitted use;



1 (4) a statement ~~[by the authorized recipient]~~ specifying what data was ~~[resold or]~~  
2 redisclosed and in what format; and

3 (5) ~~[any other]~~ documentation of any [the] agreement between the authorized recipient  
4 and the person to whom the authorized recipient redisclosed [to resell or redisclose] personal information  
5 from department [contained in] motor vehicle records.

6 (c) An authorized recipient who resold personal information from department motor vehicle  
7 records prior to June 18, 2021, must maintain records of those transactions for five years.

8 **§217.128. Department Review of Recipient's Records of ~~[Resale or] Redisclosure.~~**

9 (a) The department may ~~[has the authority to]~~ request and review records maintained under  
10 §217.127 of this title (relating to Records Maintained by Recipients Who Redisclose Personal Information)  
11 ~~[kept by all authorized recipients who resell or redisclose personal information].~~

12 (b) The department will ~~[This]~~ request records from authorized recipients ~~[will be made]~~ in  
13 writing.

14 (c) Failure to fully respond to the department's request may result in a cessation of information  
15 under Transportation Code §730.014(g). If the authorized recipient has not provided the requested  
16 records to the department within 30 days after the department's request, the department may terminate  
17 the contract with the authorized recipient. [The requested records must be provided to the department  
18 within 30 days of the request.]

19 ~~[(d) Failure to fully respond to the department's request may result in termination of access to~~  
20 ~~motor vehicle records under Transportation Code, §730.007.]~~

21 ~~[(e) Upon receipt of the requested records, the department will evaluate the records for~~  
22 ~~compliance with the service agreement, applicable statutes, and rules.]~~

1           ~~[(f) If it is determined that an authorized recipient is not in compliance with the service agreement,~~  
2           ~~applicable statutes, and rules, the service agreement may be terminated.]~~

3           **§217.129. Ineligibility to Receive Personal Information Contained in Motor Vehicle Records.**

4           (a) The department may deny a request for or cease disclosing personal information contained in  
5           the department's ~~[requestor's access to]~~ motor vehicle records if it determines withholding the  
6           information benefits the public's interest more than releasing the information.

7           (b) If the department determines an authorized recipient ~~[of motor vehicle records]~~ has violated  
8           a ~~[clause or]~~ term or condition of a contract with the department to access motor vehicle records ~~[the~~  
9           ~~service agreement,]~~ and the department terminates the contract ~~[that service agreement has been~~  
10           ~~terminated]~~, that authorized recipient cannot enter into a subsequent contract with the department to  
11           access motor vehicle records ~~[service agreement]~~ unless approved to do so under §217.130 of this title  
12           (relating to Approval for Persons Whose Access to Motor Vehicle Records Has Previously Been  
13           Terminated).

14           (c) Termination of a contract with the department to access motor vehicle records ~~[the service~~  
15           ~~agreement]~~ caused by any member of an organization ~~[a business, partnership,]~~ or entity shall be effective  
16           on the whole organization or entity. Subsequent organizations or entities ~~[businesses]~~ formed by any  
17           member, officer, partner, or affiliate of an organization or entity whose contract with the department to  
18           access motor vehicle records ~~[service agreement]~~ has been terminated cannot enter into a subsequent  
19           contract with the department to access motor vehicle records, unless approved to do so under §217.130  
20           of this title (relating to Approval for Persons Whose Access to Motor Vehicle Records Has Previously Been  
21           Terminated) ~~[will also be ineligible to receive].~~

22           **§217.130. Approval for Persons Whose Access to Motor Vehicle Records Has Previously Been**  
23           **Terminated.**

1 (a) A requestor seeking a contract with the department to access motor vehicle records who has  
2 had a previous contract to access motor vehicle records ~~[whose service agreement was previously]~~  
3 terminated by the department for reasons other than the failure to maintain minimum balance  
4 requirements in an adjustable account, but who is not subject to Transportation Code ~~[,]~~ §730.016, shall  
5 submit a written request for reapproval on the form required by the department.

6 (b) In addition to the requirements of §217.123 of this title (relating to Access to Motor Vehicle  
7 Records), the request for reapproval must contain:

8 (1) any documents indicating remedial efforts the requestor has undertaken to prevent  
9 the unlawful disclosure of personal information from department motor vehicle records; ~~[,]~~

10 (2) any documents indicating agreements between the requestor and any person to  
11 whom the requestor has reason to believe it will redisclose personal information from the department  
12 ~~[third parties receiving resold or redisclosed]~~ motor vehicle records; ~~[,]~~ and

13 (3) a statement that the requestor will notify the department before ~~[reselling or]~~  
14 redisclosing any personal information from the department motor vehicle records for a [the] time period  
15 prescribed by the department, including all of the information required under §217.127(b) of this title  
16 (relating to Records Maintained by Recipients Who ~~[Resell or]~~ Rediscover Personal Information). ~~[The~~  
17 ~~notification must include the name, address, and contact information of the third party requesting resold~~  
18 ~~or redisclosed motor vehicle records, and must include the form(s) used to verify the third party's lawful~~  
19 ~~purpose in obtaining motor vehicle records.]~~

20 (c) Failure to comply with ~~[any of the terms of]~~ this section or a re-offense of a contract with the  
21 department to access motor vehicle records ~~[the service agreement]~~ will result in the termination of the  
22 contract ~~[service agreement]~~ and the permanent ineligibility ~~[inability]~~ to receive motor vehicle records  
23 from the department under Transportation Code §730.007.

1 **§217.131. Notices Regarding Unauthorized Recipient.**

2 (a) For the purposes of this section, a requestor includes a person, the state, or an agency of this  
3 state that previously received personal information from department motor vehicle records.

4 (b) A requestor who is not an authorized recipient must, not later than 90 days after the date the  
5 requestor becomes aware that the requestor is not an authorized recipient, delete from the requestor's  
6 records any personal information received from the department that the requestor is not permitted to  
7 receive and use under Transportation Code Chapter 730.

8 (c) A requestor who becomes aware that the requestor is not an authorized recipient must  
9 promptly notify the department that the requestor is not an authorized recipient and provide the date  
10 they became aware.

11 (d) If the department becomes aware that the requestor is not an authorized recipient before  
12 receiving notice from the requestor, the department will send a written notice to the requestor stating  
13 that the requestor is not an authorized recipient. If the requestor was not already aware that it is not an  
14 authorized recipient, within 90 days from the date the department sends its notice under this subsection,  
15 requestor must delete any personal information received from the department that the requestor is not  
16 permitted to receive and use under Transportation Code Chapter 730.

17 (e) A requestor who becomes aware that the requestor is not an authorized recipient must notify  
18 the department when all the department's personal information has been deleted.

19 **§217.132. Notices Regarding Ineligibility.**

20 (a) A person who becomes ineligible to receive personal information under Transportation Code  
21 §730.016 must notify the department of the basis of the person's ineligibility within 15 days of the court's  
22 conviction or final determination.

1 (b) A person who becomes ineligible to receive personal information under Transportation Code  
2 §730.016 must notify the department when all of the personal information received from the department  
3 under Transportation Code Chapter 730 has been deleted from the person’s records.

4 **§217.133. Annual Report.**

5 (a) An authorized recipient under a bulk contract must electronically submit an annual report, on  
6 a form prescribed by the department, on or before October 1st of each year for the 12-month period  
7 beginning September 1st of the preceding year.

8 (b) An annual report must include information regarding any third party to which the authorized  
9 recipient redisclosed personal information from department motor vehicle records during the reporting  
10 period, including:

11 (1) the name of the third party, including both the individual and the organization or entity  
12 with which the individual is associated, when known; and

13 (2) the third party's permitted uses under Transportation Code §730.007 for the  
14 redisclosed motor vehicle records.

15 (c) An annual report must include the signature of the requestor or, if the requestor is an  
16 organization or entity, the signature of an officer or director of the requestor certifying that all statements  
17 in the annual report are true and correct.

18 (d) An authorized recipient under a bulk contract may request an extension of time to submit an  
19 annual report by sending a written request to the department no later than September 1st of the year the  
20 annual report is required to be submitted. The request for extension must include proof of an event that  
21 is beyond the control of the authorized recipient and prevents the timely submission of the annual report.  
22 The department may grant an extension for submission of the annual report to no later than December  
23 1st of the year the annual report is required to be submitted.

