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To: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

Subject: Conservation License Plate

PURPOSE

To provide information regarding the new Horned Lizard Conservation special license plate, which will become available to the public in mid-February 2000.

DETAILS

During the 76th Legislative Session, House Bill 1906 authorized creation of a new special license plate bearing the legend "Keep Texas Wild." However, House Bill 2461, passed during the same session, stipulated that manufacturing requests for special license plates authorized after January 1, 1999, would have to be accompanied by 3,500 pre-paid applications or a \$15,000 deposit. Texas Parks and Wildlife has satisfied this requirement, thus initiating the implementation of the Horned Lizard Conservation license plate. The plate features a Texas Horned-Lizard and has the legend "Keep Texas Wild" across the bottom of the plate (see attached).

NEW ACTION

The Horned Lizard Conservation special license plate is available to passenger cars and light trucks for a \$25.00 annual fee, or \$65 if personalized plates are requested. These fees are in addition to the regular annual registration fee. Of the \$25 special plate fee, \$20 is deposited to the credit of the Texas parks and wildlife capital account established by Section 11.043, Parks and Wildlife Code, and \$5 is used to defray the cost of manufacturing and administering the plate. There are no special requirements for plate ownership, so application procedures will be similar to those for personalized license plates.

Attached are the appropriate pages for the Registration Manual and a copy of VTR-52, Application for Parks and Wildlife ("Conservation-Horned Lizard") License Plates. Pads of these forms will be distributed as soon as they are printed, but in the meantime, the attached form can be photocopied for distribution to customers.

VTR CONTACT PERSONS

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your local TxDOT Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office or the Customer Help Desk at (512) 465-7611. Thank you.

Sincerely,

for Jerry L. Dike, Director
Vehicle Titles and
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- V. If State Judge or U. S. Judge License Plates were displayed on a vehicle during the current year and during the renewal period for the forthcoming year the owner decides to re-register the vehicle with regular registration, the new plates shall be issued on a license receipt; and the appropriate annual fee shall be collected. Do not require the owner to purchase replacement plates when special license plates are removed from a vehicle under such conditions.
- VI. In the event a State Judge, or U. S. Judge License Plates(s) is lost, stolen, or mutilated, the owner must apply to his County Tax Assessor-Collector for a set of regular Replacement License Plates for the fee of five dollar and thirty cents (\$5.30). The remaining State Judge, or U. S. Judge License Plates, if any, must be surrendered to the tax collector at this time. If the owner then desires to obtain a duplicate set of State Judge or U. S. Judge License Plates before the next renewal period, he must apply directly to the department by letter or telephone for a new set of plates bearing his number. No fee shall be charged for the manufacture of special license plates. When the replacement State Judge, or U. S. Judge License Plates have been manufactured and mailed to the tax assessor-collector, they may then be reissued to the vehicle on an "even exchange" basis using a license receipt.
- VII. State Judge or U. S. Judge License Plates are not assigned to any particular vehicle until such plates are actually issued to the owner by the County Tax Assessor-Collector. The owner may request the plates to be issued to any passenger car or light truck that he owns or controls.
- VIII. State Judge or U. S. Judge License Plates are nontransferable from one owner to another. If, however, an official relinquishes his office during his elected tenure, he should surrender his special license plates to his County Tax Assessor-Collector and purchase a set of regular Replacement License Plates at a fee of five dollar and thirty cents (\$5.30). This, therefore, makes the surrendered State Judge, and U. S. Judge License Plates number available to the incoming official.

Sec. 502.298. Conservation License Plates

- (a) *The department shall issue one or more specially designed conservation license plates for passenger cars and light trucks to support Texas Parks and Wildlife Department activities.*
- (b) *Each of the license plates must be of a color, quality, and design approved by the Parks and Wildlife Department.*
- (c) *The department shall issue license plates under this section to a person who:*
- (1) *applies to the county assessor-collector of the county in which the person resides on an original or renewal registration application form provided by the department; and*
 - (2) *pays an annual fee of \$25, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161, and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.*
- (d) *Of each \$25 fee collected under subsection (c) or (e), the department shall deposit \$20 to the credit of the Texas parks and wildlife capital account established by Section 11.043, Parks and Wildlife Code. The remaining \$5 of the fee may be used by the department to defray the cost of administering this section.*
- (e) *The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen, or mutilated license plate issued under this section is \$25, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.184(a).*
- (f) *If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner shall return the license plates to the department.*
- (g) *There is no limit to the number of passenger cars or light trucks for which a person may apply for the issuance of license plates under this section.*
- (h) *Money deposited in the Texas parks and wildlife capital account under this section is supplementary and is not income for the purposes of reducing general revenue appropriations to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.*
- I. The department makes available to owners of qualified vehicles Conservation License Plates for a fee of \$25 in addition to the regular registration fees. Conservation License Plates are multi-year staggered plates which are issued for a 12-month registration period. Except as provided in paragraph B, the expiration date will be determined by the month in which the application is received and processed. Each application for Conservation License Plates, FORM-VTR52, together with the \$25 fee, or \$65 fee if personalized, shall be mailed to the department.
 - A. Conservation License Plates will be issued to passenger cars and light trucks having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one ton or less.
 - B. Conservation License Plates shall be issued in accordance with the procedures set forth for issuance of Personalized License Plates. (Transportation Code Section 502.251.)
 - C. Conservation License Plates may be issued with a personalized license number displayed thereon. The application form has been designed with a space to specify that Personalized Conservation License Plates are desired.
 - D. The personalized license number will be issued in accordance with the procedures for Personalized License Plates (see Transportation Code Section 502.251). The fee for Personalized Conservation License Plates is \$65 per year (\$25 Conservation License Plates fee and \$40 Personalized License Plate fee).
 - II. Proof of financial responsibility must be submitted to the tax assessor-collector when Conservation License Plates are issued.

Sec. 502.299. Texas Young Lawyers Association License Plates

- (a) *The department shall issue specially designed Texas Young Lawyers Association license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.*
- (b) *The license plates must bear the words "And Justice For All" and be of a color, quality, and design approved by the Texas Young Lawyers Association in consultation with the department.*
- (c) *The department shall issue license plates under this section to a person who:*
 - (1) *applies to the county assessor-collector of the county in which the person resides on a form provided by the department; and*
 - (2) *pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.*
- (d) *Of each fee collected under this section, the department shall deposit \$25 to the credit of the basic civil legal services account established under Section 51.903, Government Code, as added by Chapter 699, Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997. The remainder of the fee may be used only by the department to defray the cost of administering this section*
- (e) *If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner shall return the special license plates to the department.*

- I. The department makes available to owners of qualified vehicles Texas Young Lawyers Association License Plates for a fee of \$30 in addition to the regular registration fees. Texas Young Lawyers Association License Plates are multi-year staggered plates which are issued for a 12-month registration period. Except as provided in paragraph B, the expiration date will be determined by the month in which the application is received and processed. Each application for Texas Young Lawyers Association Plates, Form VTR-229, together with the \$30 fee, or \$70 fee if personalized, shall be mailed to the department.
 - A. Texas Young Lawyers Association License Plates will be issued to passenger cars and light trucks having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one ton or less.
 - B. Texas Young Lawyers Association License Plates may be issued with a personalized license number. The application for Texas Young Lawyers Association License Plates, Form VTR-229, has been designed with a space to specify that Personalized Texas Young Lawyers Association License Plates are desired.
 - C. The personalized license number will be issued in accordance with the procedures for personalized plates, Transportation Code §502.251. The fee for Personalized Texas Young Lawyers Association Plates is \$70.
- II. Proof of financial responsibility must be submitted to the tax assessor-collector when Texas Young Lawyers Association License Plates are issued.

SUBCHAPTER G. TEMPORARY REGISTRATION

Sec. 502.351. Farm Vehicles: Excess Weight.

(a) The owner of a registered commercial motor vehicle, truck-tractor, trailer, or semitrailer may obtain a short-term permit to haul loads of a weight more than that for which the vehicle is registered by paying an additional fee before the additional weight is hauled to transport:

(1) the person's own seasonal agricultural products to market or another point for sale or processing;

(2) seasonal laborers from their place of residence to a farm or ranch; or

(3) materials, tools, equipment, or supplies, without charge, from the place of purchase or storage to a farm or ranch exclusively for use on the farm or ranch.

(b) A permit may not be issued under this section for a period that is less than one month or that:

(1) is greater than one year; or

(2) extends beyond the expiration of the registration year for the vehicle.

(c) A permit issued under this section for a quarter must be for a calendar quarter.

(d) The fee for a permit under this section is a percentage of the difference between the registration fee otherwise prescribed by this chapter for the vehicle and the annual fee for the desired weight, as follows:

<i>One month (30 consecutive days)</i>	<i>10 percent</i>
<i>One quarter</i>	<i>30 percent</i>
<i>Two quarters</i>	<i>60 percent</i>
<i>Three quarters</i>	<i>90 percent</i>

(e) The department shall design, prescribe, and furnish a sticker, plate, or other means of indicating the additional weight and the registration period for each vehicle registered under this section.

Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 165, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

- I. The owner of a truck, truck tractor, trailer or semitrailer may purchase temporary additional weight for the purpose of transporting his own seasonal agricultural products to market or to other points for sale or processing. In addition, such vehicles may be used for the transportation of seasonal laborers from their place of residence and materials, tools, equipment and supplies, without charge, from the place of purchase or storage to a farm or ranch exclusively for use on such farm or ranch.
- A. The temporary additional weight permit is not restricted to farmers or ranchers raising their own products, but all persons, firms, or corporations may qualify provided:
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*** FOR DEPT USE ONLY ***
 License Plate # _____
 Mo./Yr. of Exp. - Date Issued _____

**APPLICATION FOR
 TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE
 CONSERVATION-HORNED LIZARD
 LICENSE PLATES**

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

APPLICANT IS TO COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION

Name of Owner _____ Daytime Phone (_____) _____
(As Shown on Current Registration Receipt)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Texas County of Residence _____

CONSERVATION-HORNED LIZARD LICENSE PLATES APPLICATION FEE: \$25.00 PER YEAR

PERSONALIZED CONSERVATION-HORNED LIZARD LICENSE PLATES

APPLICATION FEE: (\$25.00 Application Fee plus \$40.00 Personalized Fee) \$65.00 PER YEAR

Please read the instructions on the reverse side before completing your selections

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EACH YEAR, IN ADDITION TO THE \$25.00 LICENSE PLATE FEE OR THE \$65.00 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATE FEE PAID TO THIS DEPARTMENT, YOU MUST PAY THE REGULAR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE AT YOUR LOCAL TAX OFFICE WHEN YOU OBTAIN YOUR LICENSE PLATES OR YOUR NEW VALIDATION STICKER.

THE MAILING OF CASH IS DISCOURAGED. Please remit payment in the form of a **CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER, or CHECK,** payable to the Texas Department of Transportation.

FORWARD APPLICATION AND FEE TO: VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION DIVISION (SPB)
 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 AUSTIN TX 78779-0001

Questions regarding your application should be directed to the Special Plates Branch at (512) 374-5010, Option 4.

INSTRUCTIONS

The department may issue specially designed Conservation-Horned Lizard license plates to passenger cars and light commercial vehicles having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one ton or less.

PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATE SELECTION INSTRUCTIONS

YOUR SELECTION MAY CONSIST OF:

- ◆ No more than five characters, symbols, or spaces, OR three characters, symbols, or spaces and one silhouette of Texas.
- ◆ Limit of two spaces for punctuation symbols OR one silhouette of Texas.
Each square of the selection block may be used to represent one alpha or numeric character, punctuation symbol, or space. The silhouette of Texas requires two selection blocks. Use an asterisk (*) to indicate the Texas silhouette.
- ◆ Punctuation symbols which may be used are periods, dashes, or blank spaces.
- ◆ Selections must be shown exactly as you wish them to appear on the license plate.
- ◆ A license number which has already been issued will not be approved.

If approved, the special license plates will be manufactured and mailed to your County Tax Assessor-Collector, and you will be notified accordingly.

TO OBTAIN THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, you are to surrender your **current windshield validation sticker** to the County Tax Assessor-Collector. The **regular registration fee must be paid to the County Tax Assessor-Collector for the period for which the special license plates are valid**. If your vehicle is currently registered when the special license plates are issued, the vehicle registration expiration date may need to be adjusted to correspond with the expiration of the special license plates. *If necessary, additional fees will be collected, or credit will be issued, to make this adjustment.*

Conservation-Horned Lizard License Plates may be transferred to another vehicle registered in the applicant's name. To transfer the plates to another vehicle, a **corrected vehicle registration** must be obtained through the county tax office. The special license plates may **not** be transferred to another owner.

PLEASE ALLOW TWO WEEKS FOR NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL.

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