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TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Amendments to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 17

PURPOSE

To provide copies of amended sections of Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (43 TAC), Chapter 17, that were adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission on June 29, 2000. The amendments become effective July 24, 2000.

DETAILS

As a result of legislation enacted by the 76th Texas Legislature, 1999, 43 TAC, Sections 17.3, 17.22, and 17.24 were amended as outlined below. Additionally, certain information has been eliminated as it is clearly set forth in statute, and changes were made to correct cross-references, enhance readability and clarity, and to improve grammar and consistency.

Section 17.3, Certificates of Title, was amended to address the provisions of:

- House Bill 381, relating to rights of survivorship agreements; and
- House Bill 2176, relating to the amount of time a lienholder has to deliver a discharge of lien after receipt of a final payment.

Section 17.22, Motor Vehicle Registration, was amended to address the provisions of:

- House Bill 89, to allow for a change in a motor vehicle's registration renewal month if the vehicle was renewed late for a valid reason;
- House Bill 924, to change the grace period for the expiration of motor vehicle registration from "five days" to "five working days"; and
- House Bill 1743, to permit military personnel, under specified circumstances, to operate a vehicle without Texas registration for up to 90 days after returning from an overseas assignment.

Section 17.22, was also amended to clarify the department's authority with regard to objectionable numbering on license plates.

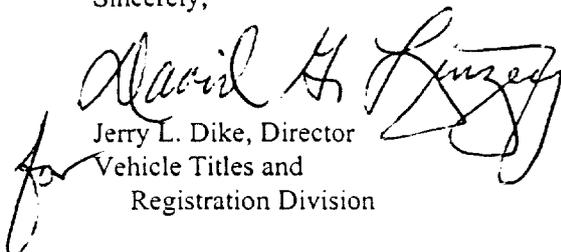
Section 17.24, Disabled Person License Plates and Identification Placards, was amended to address the provisions of:

- House Bill 1032, that changed the standards governing disabled person identification placards;
- Senate Bill 21, to provide that certain institutions, facilities, and residential retirement communities may obtain disabled person license plates and identification placards for display on vans and buses used to transport their residents; and
- Senate Bill 132, to allow physicians licensed to practice medicine in states adjacent to Texas to sign an application for disabled person license plates and identification placards.

VTR CONTACTS

If you have any questions, please contact your local TxDOT Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office, or Mr. David Linzey, Director of Headquarter Operations, at (512) 465-7719. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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Attachments