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To: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

Subject: House Bill 2243 – Relating to the Disposal of Abandoned Nuisance Vehicles

PURPOSE

To inform you of applicable provisions of House Bill 2243 (copy attached), enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature. This legislation was signed by the governor and becomes effective September 1, 2001.

DETAILS

House Bill 2243 amended the Vehicle Storage Facility Act, Article 6687-9a, Revised Statutes. Amendments include the definition of an *abandoned nuisance vehicle* as a motor vehicle that is at least 10 years old and is of a condition only to be demolished, wrecked, or dismantled. Additionally, a licensed vehicle storage facility that holds an *abandoned nuisance vehicle* is not required to send or publish a second notice and is entitled to dispose of the vehicle on the 30th day after the date the first letter is mailed or notice is published. An application for authority to dispose of an abandoned nuisance vehicle must be completed and submitted to the department with a \$10.00 fee.

DEPARTMENT ACTION

Form VTR-71-6, *Application for Authority to Dispose of an Abandoned Nuisance Vehicle to a Demolisher*, has been developed to accommodate the provisions of House Bill 2243 (copy attached). Distribution of the Form VTR-71-6 will be made when printing is complete. In the interim, copies of the attached form may be utilized. Revisions to the Vehicle Title Manual will be forthcoming.

VTR CONTACT PERSON(S)

If you have any questions, please contact your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

for Jerry L. Dike, Director
Vehicle Titles and
Registration Division

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Attachments

cc: Department of Public Safety
Automobile Theft Prevention Authority
TxDOT, Motor Carrier Division
Vehicle Storage Facilities
VTR Administration