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TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: The Use of Unmarked Automobiles by Certain Municipal Code Enforcement Officers (HB 630).

PURPOSE

This letter is to inform you of the exemption of the required inscription on an automobile when used to perform an official duty by a municipal code enforcement officer.

DETAILS:

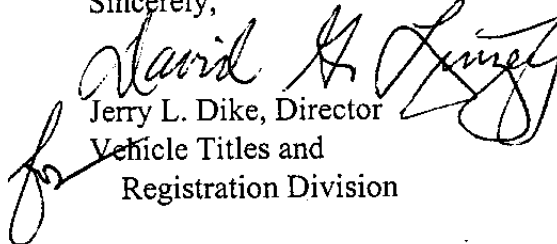
The 77th Legislation authorizes the governing body of a municipality to exempt an automobile, when used to perform an official duty by a municipal code enforcement officer designated to enforce environmental criminal laws, from the inscription requirements of Section 721.004. These vehicles are now eligible for the display of regular exempt license plates (Lone Star State Plates).

A copy of HB 630 is attached.

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,


Jerry L. Dike, Director
Vehicle Titles and
Registration Division

Attachment

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cc: VTR Administration
Law Enforcement Agencies



Bill Number: TX77RHB 630
ENROLLED

Date: 05-02-2001

- 1- 1 AN ACT
1- 2 relating to the authority of a municipality to permit the use of
1- 3 unmarked automobiles by certain municipal code enforcement
1- 4 officers.
1- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1- 6 SECTION 1. Section 721.005(a), Transportation Code, is
1- 7 amended to read as follows:
1- 8 (a) The governing body of a municipality may exempt from the
1- 9 requirements of Section 721.004 an automobile when used to perform
1-10 an official duty by a:
1-11 (1) police department;
1-12 (2) magistrate as defined by Article 2.09, Code of
1-13 Criminal Procedure; or
1-14 (3) medical examiner; or
1-15 (4) municipal code enforcement officer designated to
1-16 enforce environmental criminal laws.
1-17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-21 Act takes effect September 1, 2001.

President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 630 was passed by the House on March
8, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 1 present, not
voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 630 was passed by the Senate on May
1, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, 1 present, not
voting.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor