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TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Texas Emissions Reduction Plan, SB 005, 77th Legislative Session

PURPOSE

To provide information concerning an injunction against the collection of fees relating to the out-of-state vehicle identification number verification as provided by SB 005, 77th Legislative Session.

BACKGROUND

Registration and Title Bulletin # 113-01 provided information about the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP), including Section 9 of Senate Bill 005, relating to Transportation Code §548.256. This amendment required the vehicle inspection stations to collect a fee of \$225.00 for each out-of-state vehicle identification number (VIN) verification.

DETAILS

The District Court of Travis County, Texas, 200th Judicial District, has issued a temporary injunction to restrain the enforcement of Section 9 of SB 005. This temporary injunction directs the Texas Department of Transportation to notify all County Tax Assessor-Collectors in the State of Texas and instruct each of them to comply with the temporary injunction.

Effective immediately, motor vehicles previously registered or titled in other states shall continue to be lawfully and validly registered, titled, and inspected in Texas in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas that existed prior to September 1, 2001, thereby preserving the *status quo*. A trial date on the merits of the injunction is set for July 29, 2002.

CONTACT(S)

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your local VTR Regional Office. You may also contact me or Mr. Darrel Hunt, Deputy Director, at 512/465-7570. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

for Jerry L. Dike, Director
Vehicle Titles and
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Attachment

cc: Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Law Enforcement Agencies
Dealer Associations