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To: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

Subject: House Bill 15 - Relating to License Plates for Persons with Disabilities and Disabled Veterans.

PURPOSE

To inform you of the provisions of House Bill 15 (copy attached) which were enacted by the 77th Legislative Session. This legislation becomes effective on September 1, 2001. Programming to accommodate this change in RTS is in progress, however, in all cases such programming may not be implemented by September 1, 2001. In consideration that programming may not be in place, VTR is presently looking to define alternatives to assist counties in this implementation.

DETAILS

This bill amends Transportation Code, Sections 502.253(a), 502.253(h), 502.2531, and 502.254(a).

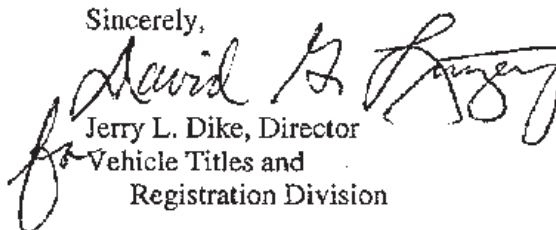
- Section 502.253 is amended to allow for the issuance of disabled person license plates to motor vehicles with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of two tons or less
- Section 502.2531 is amended to allow for the issuance of Disabled Veteran license plates for vans or buses operated by institutions, facilities, or residential retirement communities for resident veterans who are eligible to obtain Disabled Veteran license plates.
- Section 502.254 is amended to provide for issuance of Disabled Veteran license plates to motor vehicles with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of two tons or less.

The Registration Manual will be revised in the near future. Attached are copies of the revised Forms VTR-214 and VTR-615, which are currently being printed. You can use your existing supply of forms until you receive the new versions. The Basic Facts For Persons With Disabilities, VTR-247, will also be revised accordingly. Section 17.24 of the Texas Administrative Code will be amended to implement this legislation. You will be provided with a copy of the draft version of the proposed rules, which will be published in the Texas Register for public comment, as soon as they have been approved by the TxDOT Commission.

VTR CONTACT PERSON(S)

If you have any questions, please contact your local Vehicle Titles and Registration Regional Office or the VTR Customer Help Desk at (512) 465-7611. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


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Registration Division

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Attachments

cc: Curtis Edmonds, Office of the Governor, Committee on People with Disabilities
VTR Administration