Texas Department of Transportation

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TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 817

PURPOSE:

To provide you with a copy of Senate Bill 817, enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature. Senate Bill 817 becomes effective September 1, 2001.

DETAILS:

Senate Bill 817 amends Transportation Code, §721.003, by changing the name of Banking Department of Texas to Texas Department of Banking and adding Texas Lottery Commission to the list of state agencies. The Texas Lottery Commission may adopt rules, which may provide exemption from inscription requirements of §721.002 for motor vehicles only used exclusively for surveillance purposes. Currently, these vehicles are issued standard exempt license plates. The passage of this bill provides the issuance of regular exempt license plates (Lone Star State plates) to these vehicles.

DEPARTMENT ACTION:

Attached is a copy of the bill for your reference. Revisions for the Registration Manual are forthcoming.

VTR CONTACT PERSON(S)

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Hunt

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

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Attachments

cc: VTR Administration

Bill Number: TX77RSB 817   Date: 05-02-2001
ENROLLED

1- 1   AN ACT
1- 2   relating to the requirement that the name of a state agency be
1- 3   printed on certain state motor vehicles.
1- 4   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1- 5   SECTION 1. Section 721.003, Transportation Code, is amended
1- 6   by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
1- 7   follows:
1- 8   (a) The governing bodies of the following state agencies or
1- 9   divisions by rule may exempt from the requirements of Section
1-10   721.002 a motor vehicle that is under the control and custody of
1-11   the agency or division:
1-12   (1) Texas Commission on Fire Protection;
1-13   (2) Texas State Board of Pharmacy;
1-14   (3) Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental
1-15   Retardation;
1-16   (4) Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;
1-17   (5) the institutional division or the pardons and
1-18   paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
1-19   (6) Board of Pardons and Paroles;
1-20   (7) Parks and Wildlife Department;
1-21   (8) Railroad Commission of Texas;
1-22   (9) Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
1-23   (10) Texas Department of Banking Department of
1-24   Texas;
2- 1   (11) Savings and Loan Department of Texas;
2- 2   (12) Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;
2- 3   (13) Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission;
2- 4   (14) Texas Youth Commission; and
2- 5   (15) Texas Lottery Commission;
2- 6   (16) the office of the attorney general;
2- 7   (17) Texas Department of Insurance; and
2- 8   (18) an agency that receives an appropriation under an
2- 9   article of the General Appropriations Act that appropriates money
2-10   to the legislature.
2-11   (e) A rule adopted by the Texas Lottery Commission under
2-12   Subsection (a) may exempt from the requirements of Section 721.002
2-13   only a motor vehicle used exclusively for surveillance purposes.
2-14   SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 721.003, Transportation
2-15   Code, is repealed.
2-16   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2001.
2-17   _____   _____
2-18   President of the Senate   Speaker of the House
2-19   I hereby certify that S.B. No. 817 passed the Senate on
2-20   April 11, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0, one
2-21   present, not voting.
2-22   _____
2-23   Secretary of the Senate
2-24   I hereby certify that S.B. No. 817 passed the House on
2-25   April 30, 2001, by a non-record vote.
2-26   _____
2-27   Chief Clerk of the House
3- 1   Approved:
3- 2   _____
3- 3   Date
3- 4   _____
3- 5   Governor