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REGISTRATION AND TITLE BULLETIN # 075-01

TO: ALL COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTORS

SUBJECT: The Definition of a Junked Vehicle (HB 489).

PURPOSE

This letter has been prepared to inform you of the minor change to the definition of a junked vehicle under the public nuisance law.

DETAILS

The 77th Legislature authorized the changes in the numbering sequence and the criteria for the definition of a junked vehicle. It states that a junked vehicle means a vehicle that is self-propelled and does not have lawfully attached to it the following:

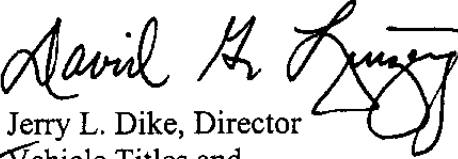
- ♦ an unexpired license plate; or
- ♦ a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate; and,
- ♦ is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded or inoperable and,
- ♦ has remained inoperable for more than 72 consecutive hours, if on public property and 30 consecutive days, if on private property.

A copy of HB 489 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

JLD:imh

cc: VTR Administration
Law Enforcement Agencies



Bill Number: TX77RHB 489
ENROLLED

Date: 05-24-2001

1- 1 AN ACT
1- 2 relating to the definition of a junked vehicle under the public
1- 3 nuisance law.
1- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1- 5 SECTION 1. Section 683.071, Transportation Code, is amended
1- 6 to read as follows:
1- 7 Sec. 683.071. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "junked
1- 8 vehicle" means a vehicle that is self-propelled and:
1- 9 (1) does not have lawfully attached to it:
1-10 (A) an unexpired license plate; or
1-11 (B) a valid motor vehicle inspection
1-12 certificate; and
1-13 (2) is:
1-14 (A) wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled,
1-15 or discarded; or
1-16 (B) ~~(B)~~ is inoperable and has remained
1-17 inoperable for more than:
1-18 (i) ~~(A)~~ 72 consecutive hours, if the
1-19 vehicle is on public property; or
1-20 (ii) ~~(B)~~ 30 consecutive days, if the
1-21 vehicle is on private property.
1-22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2001.
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1-24 _____
2- 1 President of the Senate Speaker of the House
2- 2 I certify that H.B. No. 489 was passed by the House on April
2- 3 5, 2001, by a non-record vote.
2- 4 _____
2- 5 Chief Clerk of the House
2- 6 I certify that H.B. No. 489 was passed by the Senate on May
2- 7 22, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, 1 present, not
2- 8 voting.
2- 9 _____
2- 10 Secretary of the Senate
2-11 APPROVED: _____
2-12 Date
2-13 _____
Governor