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To: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors
Subject: Approval of "old" Texas license plates for Antique and Classic Registration

PURPOSE

To provide additional information regarding the approval of "old" Texas license plates for use as Antique and Classic Vehicle registration.

BACKGROUND/DETAILS

Prior to 1975, annual license plates were issued for all Texas vehicles. The Department started issuing multi-year license plates during the 1975 registration period, thus 1976 was the first year in which the plate was validated with a license plate sticker. License plate stickers were used to validate subsequent license plates and were issued every year until the windshield sticker program was implemented for the 1995 registration year.

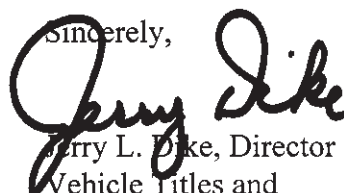
In January 2001, the 1976 year model vehicle became 25 years old, and thus eligible, by statute, to display "Antique/Classic" registration. Therefore, if a registrant elects to display a 1976 or multi-year license plate issued during that period on a 1976 vehicle, the plate may be approved regardless of whether an applicable license plate sticker accompanies that plate. A plate that matches the issue period for that year/model of vehicle should be approved. (For example, a multi-year license plate issued during the 1976 period with a 1978 validation sticker would be approved for display on a 1976 vehicle; whereas the use of a Lone Star State plate would not be approved since that specific plate was not issued until 1992.) The approval of such plates shall be at the discretion of each office. Approval for "old plates" can be made at any of the 254 county tax offices, the 17 TxDOT Vehicle Titles and Registration Division (VTR) Regional Offices, or TxDOT Special Plates Branch.

For more information on identifying the classification of the original license plates presented to your office for approval (to be used with Classic window validation stickers and Antique license plate tabs), please refer to Registration and Title Bulletin #29-00.

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 Special Plates Branch at (512) 374-5010, Option 5. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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