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REGISTRATION AND TITLE BULLETIN # 097-01

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Permissive Issuance of a Certificate of Title for Farm Semitrailers-House Bill 2217

PURPOSE

To provide you with a copy of HB 2217 enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature, 2001. HB 2217 relates to the permissive issuance of a Texas Certificate of Title for a farm semitrailer. This legislation takes effect 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

HB 2217 amends Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Transportation Code, by adding Section 501.036, which states:

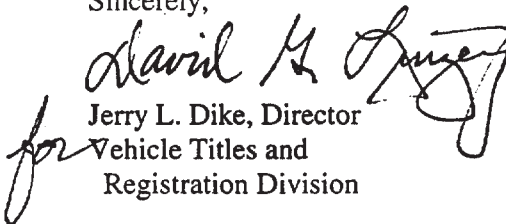
- (a) That the department may issue a certificate of title for a farm semitrailer with a gross weight of more than 4,000 pounds if:
 - (1) the farm semitrailer is eligible for registration under Section 502.276, Transportation Code;
 - (2) all other requirements for issuance of a certificate of title are met.
- (b) To obtain a certificate of title under this section, the owner of the farm semitrailer must:
 - (1) apply for the certificate of title in the manner required by Section 501.023; and
 - (2) pay the fee required by Section 501.138.
- (c) The department shall adopt rules and forms to implement and administer this section.

Attached is a copy of HB 2217. Motor Vehicle Title Manual revisions as well as Form VTR-52-A, Application for Farm Trailer/Semitrailer, Farm Truck, or Farm Truck Tractor License Plates changes will be sent at a later date.

VTR CONTACTS

If you have any questions, please contact your local TxDOT Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jerry L. Dike, Director
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Attachments

cc: VTR Administration