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Registration and Title Bulletin # 019-14 Registration and Title System

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Introduction to Registration and Title System (RTS) Version 7.5.0

PURPOSE

To inform you of upcoming changes to RTS.

DETAILS

There are several updates to RTS covered in the RTS Version 7.5.0 Release Notes. The statewide release will be distributed on the evening of Sunday, September 21, 2014, and will be available for use on Monday, September 22, 2014. The following are some of the changes included in this release:

Eliminate Multi-Year Registration

In preparation for the single sticker program beginning March 1, 2015, multi-year renewal is being eliminated from RTS. Vehicles may be renewed for 12 months and for periods up to 23 months to accommodate the syncing of multiple vehicle registration expirations to the same month as designated by the owner. Only new passenger car and light truck purchases are available for 24 months at initial registration.

Name Parsing

Name parsing is one of the first steps in a multi-step process of developing a more customer-centric database for you and our customers. The collection of individual's names in their separate components is one of the first visible steps RTS users will see as we move to a more robust and customer friendly database. Fields have been added to collect the first name, middle name, last name, and suffix of your customers. Once the individual names are stored, you will not see a difference in RTS, but the stored data will be used behind the scenes.

Mandatory Lien Entry

The Lien Entry (TTL035) screen must now be completed, or the "Record Lien(s)" check box on the Owner Entry (TTL007) screen must be unchecked, in order to complete a transaction without recording a lien. In the Corrected-Original and Correct Title Rejection events, the TTL035 screen may be left empty. However, a dialog box will appear to confirm whether or not there is lien information.

Online Temporary Permit Sales

We are excited to announce that starting September 27, 2014, customers will be able to purchase 72/144-Hour, 30-Day, and One-Trip Permits online. Additionally, information has been added to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) website regarding temporary permits. A separate Registration and Title Bulletin (RTB) is forthcoming and a webinar will be scheduled prior to implementation.

COUNTY ACTION

See the attached RTS Version 7.5.0 Release Notes for detailed information and processing instructions for the elements of this release. Information can also be found on the TxDMV website under Tax Assessor-Collectors at www.TxDMV.gov.

Please remember to LOGOFF the system, but leave Workstations and the Code Servers ON when closing the office on Friday, September 19, 2014.

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeremiah Kuntz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

Attachment