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Registration and Title Bulletin # 007-15 Policy and Procedure

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors and Motor Vehicle Dealers

SUBJECT: **Mandatory 24 Months of Registration for New Vehicle Sales by Franchised Dealers (Clarification of RTB #005-15)**

PURPOSE

To provide further guidance and clarification on mandatory 24 months of registration for new vehicles receiving a two-year inspection.

DETAILS

New vehicles sold on a manufacturer's certificate of origin are the only vehicles that may be eligible for a two-year inspection; this does not include used vehicles. There has been no change to inspection fees or requirements. For dealers, questions regarding vehicles that qualify for a two-year inspection versus a one-year inspection should be directed to your local Texas Department of Public Safety field auditor.

Change in Administrative Code, Rule 217.27, requires new vehicles receiving a two-year inspection to also receive 24 months of registration. Vehicles that receive a one-year inspection will receive 12 months of registration. As mentioned in RTB #005-15, this change in rule is to assist with syncing vehicle registration and inspection to fully implement the "Two Steps, One Sticker" program.

The Registration and Title System (RTS) is not currently programmed to accommodate the issuance of 24 months of registration for all eligible registration classes. We have attached a list showing which eligible vehicle classes have been programmed to accept 24 months of registration and those that have not been programmed. Programming will be accomplished at a future date to add all eligible registration classes. However, until programming can be accomplished for those vehicle classes, only 12 months of registration should be issued.

Due to inconsistencies between registration and inspection statutes, there are some vehicles eligible for 24 months of registration that may only receive a one-year inspection. Additionally, there are some vehicles not eligible for 24 months of registration that may receive a two-year inspection. In both cases, these vehicles should be issued 12 months of registration.

When dealers calculate fees manually, all registration fees (Windshield Sticker, Automation fee, Reg-DPS fee) and county local fees (may include County Road and Bridge, Child Safety, Optional Mobility fee) will be doubled when collecting 24 months of registration. Specialty plates that are charged a plate fee in lieu of registration will be doubled. For a list of counties and their total amount of local fees collected, please see the attached Registration Fee Chart. RTS will calculate the fees automatically based on registration expiration.

Note: There has been no change to title fees collected and these fees should not be doubled.

COUNTY ACTION

Counties do not need to verify or question the inspection type received for a vehicle. Only verify new vehicles receiving a two-year inspection are issued 24 months of registration. As a reminder from the original RTB #005-15, please do not reject any transactions until September 1, 2015, if 24 months of registration was not collected. Please use this time as an opportunity to remind the dealers of the change in rule.

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 stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

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Attachments