

TxDMV IMPACTS

BILL NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	DESCRIPTION
SB 1512	9/1/2016	TxDMV Account Bill This bill directs the state's portions of some fees to an account for TxDMV outside of the State Highway Fund and the General Revenue Fund. Further communications will be sent on any rule proposals and implementation guidelines in regards to this bill.

REGISTRATION

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SB 971	9/1/2015	Implements of Husbandry Expands the current definition of implements of husbandry to include "a towed vehicle that transports to the field and spreads fertilizer or agricultural chemicals; or a motor vehicle designed and adapted to deliver feed to livestock." Vehicles that meet this definition do not receive title or registration, and width limitations do not apply under certain conditions.
HB 1360	9/1/2015	Exempt Registration for Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary Business and Operations Permits vehicles owned by units of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary headquartered in Texas and used exclusively for Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary business and operations to qualify as Exempt vehicles. The application form, <i>Application for Exempt Registration of Certain Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles</i> , Form VTR-62-F , will be updated to accommodate this change.
SB 1451	9/1/2015	Registration Fee Using a Credit Card or Debit Card Provides guidance for tax assessor-collectors regarding a disputed payment for a registration fee made using a credit card or debit card. The bill allows that such disputed payments may be handled in the same manner as a payment made by a "hot" check. RTS will be programmed in the future with accounting events to accommodate for these types of disputed payments.
SB 1756	9/1/2015	Motorcycle Definition Expands the current definition of a motorcycle and provides the ability for the department to define types of vehicles that are considered motorcycles by administrative rule.

SPECIALTY PLATES, CONTINUED

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HB 1888	1/1/2016	Self-Certification of Inspection Clarifies that vehicles located in another state at time of registration renewal that do not have a valid Texas inspection may still renew registration if they self-certify that the vehicle is out of state. Once self-certified, a notification is placed on the record. Since vehicles must have a passing inspection in order to operate in Texas, the bill also allows law enforcement to cite operators for lack of proof of an inspection when the "verify inspection" remark is on the vehicle record. Additionally, International Registration Plan vehicles and token trailers – whether registered in combination with a truck more than 6000 lbs. or under the commercial fleet program – may continue to be renewed without having their inspections verified.
HB 75	Immediate	Farm Trailer/Semitrailer Registration Provides an exemption from registration for farm trailers/semitrailers that are owned by farmers' cooperatives or marketing associations used by the members. These entities are also exempt from showing proof of the Ag/Timber number issued by the comptroller for issuance or renewal of farm trailer license plates. The \$5 farm plate fee still applies. Refer to RTB#006-15.

TITLE

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HB 2076	9/1/2015	Public Sale and Notification Requirements for Mechanic's Liens Changes the date on which the public sale is based from the date the Notice to the Owner(s)/Lienholder(s) was made to the date when a copy of the notice was filed with the county tax assessor-collector. Further, changes included in this bill require the county tax assessor-collector to include the date on which the mechanic filed the notice with them in the notice the county tax assessor-collector sends to the owner(s)/lienholder(s).
SB 449	5/22/2015	Autocycle Establishes the definition of an autocycle and specifies that such vehicles are to be titled and registered as a motorcycle. Reference RTB #004-15.

SPECIALTY PLATES

BILL NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	DESCRIPTION
HB 792	9/1/2015	Antique Bus Adds Antique Bus to vehicle types that can have antique plates.
HB 1273	1/1/2016	Prisoner of War (POW) Plate Changes Repeals the existing POW plate and thus its \$3 annual fee and adds a new POW Medal plate that will have no annual plate, registration or local fees. Veterans with existing POW plates will no longer be charged \$3 a year.

HB 1702	9/1/2015	Gold Star Fee Change Repeals the annual \$10 fee for the four Gold Star specialty license plates. Fee change is required to be implemented 1/1/2016.
HB 315	1/1/2016	In God We Trust License Plate Creation This plate will be designed in consultation with Rep. Raymond. The proceeds will benefit the Texas Veterans Commission.
SB 742	9/1/2015	Texas Medical Center This plate will be designed by the Texas Medical Center. The proceeds will benefit the Texas Medical Center and its member institutions.
HB 830	1/1/2016	Alamo License Plate Creation This plate will be designed by the General Land Office (GLO). The proceeds will benefit the GLO; 75% shall be used for the preservation of the Alamo, and 25% shall be used for Alamo visitors and education programs.
HB 3610	1/1/2016	Texas Juneteenth License Plate Creation This plate will be designed in consultation with Unity Unlimited, Inc. The proceeds will benefit Unity Unlimited, Inc. to promote state-wide Juneteenth celebrations.
HB 4099	1/1/2016	K9S4COPS Plate Creation This plate will be designed by K9S4COPS. The proceeds will benefit K9S4COPS and will fund the purchase of police dogs by law enforcement agencies.
SB 1987	1/1/2016	Disabled Deaf and Hard of Hearing License Plate Requires a new disabled license plate for qualified deaf and hard of hearing motorists.
HB 168	9/1/2015	Parking Privileges for Distinguished Flying Cross specialty plates Adds vehicles displaying Distinguished Flying Cross specialty plates to the list of plates exempt from payment of parking fees collected through parking meters charged by a government authority, other than a branch of the federal government.

MISCELLANEOUS		
BILL NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	DESCRIPTION
SB 272	1/1/2016	Voluntary Donation to the Special Olympics Texas Fund New voluntary donation in any amount at time of initial registration or registration renewal. When programming is implemented, this donation can be made through RTS, webSUB, webDEALER and IVTRS. There will be no changes to the front of the renewal notice.
HB 3283	1/1/2016	Voluntary Donations to the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry (Organ Donor) This bill changes the donation amount from \$1.00 to <i>\$1.00 or more</i> . When programming is implemented, this donation can be made through RTS, webSUB, webDEALER and IVTRS. The front of the renewal notice will be revised to accommodate the change.

MISCELLANEOUS, CONTINUED

BILL NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	DESCRIPTION
HB 2208	9/1/2015	Criminal History Record Information Allows a county tax assessor-collector to obtain a criminal history record from the Texas Department of Public Safety for applicants applying for a title service license from the county tax assessor-collector.
HB 735	9/1/2016	Alternatively Fueled Vehicles Registered in Texas Requires the TxDMV to provide an annual report of the number of alternatively fueled vehicles to the Texas Legislature. This report will include: electric plug-in drives, hybrid electric drives, compressed natural gas drives and liquefied natural gas drive. There will be no changes to RTS.