

section, if the department has no motor vehicle record for the vehicle [there is no Texas record];

(7) a weight certificate if there is no title or the vehicle is an out of state commercial vehicle;

(8) a certification of lien satisfaction by the surety bonding company or a release of lien if the rejection letter states that there may be a lien less than ten years old; and

(9) any other required documentation and fees.

(f) Report of Judgment. The bond must require that the surety report payment of any judgment to the department within 30 days.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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SUBCHAPTER B. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

43 TAC §217.57

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (department) proposes new §217.57, Alternatively Fueled Vehicles.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED NEW SECTION

New §217.57 is proposed to implement House Bill 735, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, regarding the collection of information on the number of alternatively fueled vehicles registered in this state. House Bill 735 added Transportation Code, §502.004, Information on Alternatively Fueled Vehicles, which requires the department, by rule, to establish a program to collect information about the number of alternatively fueled vehicles in this state. Section 502.004 also requires the department to submit an annual report to the legislature that includes the information collected, including, at a minimum, the number of vehicles that use electric plug-in drives, hybrid electric drives, compressed natural gas drives, and liquefied natural gas drives.

FISCAL NOTE

Linda M. Flores, Chief Financial Officer, has determined that for each of the first five years the new section as proposed is in effect, there will be no fiscal implications for state or local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed new section.

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director of the Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, has certified that there will be no impact on local economies or overall employment as a result of enforcing or administering the proposed new section.

PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST

Mr. Kuntz has also determined that for each year of the first five years the new section is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing or administering the new section will be the ability to more adequately plan and estimate funding levels for long-term infrastructure needs involving building and maintaining Texas roadways. The accuracy of fuel tax revenue forecasts will increase. There are no anticipated economic costs for persons required to comply with the new section as proposed. There will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses or micro-businesses.

TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The department has determined that this proposal affects no private real property interests and that this proposal does not restrict or limit an owner's right to property that would otherwise exist in the absence of government action, and so does not constitute a taking or require a takings impact assessment under the Government Code, §2007.043.

SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Written comments on the proposed new section may be submitted to David D. Duncan, General Counsel, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, 4000 Jackson Avenue, Austin, Texas 78731 or by email to rules@txdmv.gov. The deadline for receipt of comments is 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2016.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The new section is proposed under Transportation Code, §1002.001, which provides the board of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles with the authority to adopt rules that are necessary and appropriate to implement the powers and the duties of the department; and more specifically, Transportation Code, §502.004, which requires the department to establish a program, by rule, about the number of alternatively fueled vehicles registered in this state.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE

Transportation Code, §§501.021, 502.040, and 502.043.

§217.57. Alternatively Fueled Vehicles.

The department shall collect vehicle fuel type information for motor vehicles registered in this state, including alternatively fueled vehicles, as defined by Transportation Code, §502.004, and submit an annual report to the legislature that includes the information collected under this section.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the proposal and found it to be within the state agency's legal authority to adopt.

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