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

SUBJECT: Changes to Travel Trailer Dimensions

PURPOSE

To provide information and guidance regarding the statutory change to the length and width of travel trailers.

DETAILS

Effective September 1, 2017, Senate Bill 2076 amends the dimensions of a travel trailer to extend the width from less than eight feet (8') to less than eight feet, six inches (8' 6") and the length from less than forty feet (40') to less than forty-five feet (45'), excluding any hitch installed on the vehicle.

A travel trailer is a house or camper type trailer designed for use as temporary living in connection with recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use, and is:

- less than eight feet, six inches (8' 6") in width or forty-five feet (45') in length, exclusive of any hitch installed, or
- a "park model" trailer which is 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections and permanently towable by a light duty truck.

The Registration and Title System (RTS) is programmed to determine if the dimensions entered qualify the trailer as a "travel trailer." If the length and width of the travel trailer entered into RTS exceed the dimensions based on the length and width definition, the square feet will be calculated to determine if the travel trailer is 400 or less square feet.

If a recreational type trailer exceeds both the length and width dimensions and exceeds 400 square feet, it is not eligible for a Texas title as a travel trailer. Owners of these trailers can be directed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to assess their eligibility for a title from this agency.

COUNTY ACTION

When titling a travel trailer, please ensure your clerks are aware of the new lengths and widths: less than eight feet, six inches (8' 6") in width or forty-five feet (45') in length, exclusive of any hitch installed, or recreational type trailers that exceed these dimensions are not eligible for Texas title or registration.

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact your local Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

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