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Registration and Title Bulletin # 012-17 Policy and Procedure

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: **Change to Inspection Requirements and a New Fee for Certain Trailers, Semitrailers, and Pole Trailers**

PURPOSE

To provide information on a new fee and change to the inspection requirement for certain trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers.

BACKGROUND

Texas Transportation Code §548.052 exempts trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 4,500 lbs. or less from the annual inspection requirement.

DETAILS

Senate Bill 1001, enacted by the 85th Regular Session, Texas Legislature, added Transportation Code §§502.012 and 548.510, and amended §548.052 regarding the inspection requirement for trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers and created a new fee for these vehicles.

Effective September 1, 2017, trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 7,500 lbs. or less are not required to be inspected. All farm trailers, farm semitrailers, and farm pole trailers continue to be exempt from the annual inspection requirement.

Beginning with the December 2017 registration renewal notices, trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers exempt from the annual inspection requirement will display a message that the vehicle is not required to pass an annual inspection.

Senate Bill 1001 established a new fee of \$7.50 for trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 4,501 lbs. to 7,500 lbs. The new fee, which replaces the state's portion of the inspection fee previously due, is required at the time of initial registration and with each registration renewal to support the Texas Mobility Fund, Clean Air Account, and the General Revenue Fund. The new fee is described as a Mobility/Clean Air Fee on the Registration and Title System (RTS), Internet Vehicle Title Registration Service (IVTRS), webSUB, and webDEALER receipts.

The RTS, IVTRS, webSUB, and webDEALER will assess the new fee beginning September 1, 2017. Registration renewal notices for registrations expiring before December 2017 were created prior to the inspection exemption and new fee effective date. As a result, the inspection fee printed on the renewal notices for some trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers prior to the December 2017 registration expirations may differ from the Mobility/Clean Air Fee charged by the RTS.

COUNTY ACTION

The inspection fee on the renewal notice will match the Mobility/Clean Air Fee calculated by the RTS for most customers with a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer with a gross vehicle weight of 4,501 lbs. to 7,500 lbs. and registration expiring prior to December 2017. However, you may see a difference between the inspection fee printed on the renewal notice and the Mobility/Clean Air Fee assessed by the RTS for some of these customers. Please collect the total amount calculated by the RTS when processing initial registration or renewal for trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 4,501 pounds to 7,500 lbs.

CONTACT

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

Sincerely,



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