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**Registration and Title Bulletin # 015-17
Policy and Procedure**

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Waiver of Delinquent Transfer Penalty as a Result of Hurricane Harvey

PURPOSE

To provide guidance on assessing and waiving delinquent transfer penalty for residents of, or applications submitted in, counties covered by the Governor's Disaster Proclamation.

DETAILS

On August 30, 2017, Governor Greg Abbott granted the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles' (TxDMV) request for a waiver of the delinquent transfer penalty, which covers the counties in the Governor's Disaster Proclamation. The waiver is valid for 45 days from August 30. As a result of this waiver, the days calculated towards the delinquent transfer penalty are paused as of August 30 and do not begin accruing again until October 15, 2017.

Applicants who have incurred delinquent transfer penalties prior to August 30 will continue to be subject to those penalties. The amount of the penalty, if any, due on August 30 will be the amount due during the entirety of the 45-day waiver period. As of October 15, 2017, any delinquent transfer penalties calculated by the Registration and Title System (RTS) will be due, and no credit will be given for the 45-day waiver period.

webDEALER automatically assesses the \$10 dealer delinquent transfer penalty for applicable transactions. Dealer transactions eligible for the delinquent transfer penalty waiver must be submitted over-the-counter to the county tax office; otherwise, webDEALER dealers will need to obtain a refund of the delinquent transfer penalty accessed by webDEALER.

COUNTY ACTION

If you are a county covered by the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, processing an application for a resident of a county covered by the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, or processing an application for a transfer of ownership that occurred in a county covered by the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, please ensure new or additional delinquent transfer penalty fees are not assessed. When applicable, the penalty should be manually changed in RTS and will require a Supervisor Override.

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".

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director
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