

(k) Electronic records. A license holder may maintain a record in an electronic format if the license holder can print the record at the licensed location upon request by a representative of the department, except as provided by subsection (l) of this section. [A license holder does not have to maintain a copy of a vehicle title if the title is submitted through the electronic title system. Original hard copy titles are not required to be kept at the licensed location, but must be made available to the department upon request.]

(l) Use of webDEALER. A license holder utilizing the department's web-based title application known as webDEALER, as defined in §217.71 of this title (relating to Automated and Web-Based Vehicle Registration and Title Systems), must comply with §217.74 of this title (relating to Access to and Use of webDEALER). Original hard copy titles are not required to be kept at the licensed location, but must be made available to the department upon request.

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## CHAPTER 217. VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION

### SUBCHAPTER A. MOTOR VEHICLE TITLES

#### 43 TAC §217.2

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (department) proposes amendments to §217.2, Definitions.

#### EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to §217.2 add the definitions for an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and a recreational off-highway vehicle (ROV) by reference to Transportation Code, §502.001. The amendments specify that an ATV and ROV are designed primarily for recreational use. Other amendments correct punctuation and rearrange the definitions to maintain alphabetical order. The paragraphs are renumbered accordingly.

#### FISCAL NOTE

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

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

#### PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST

Mr. Kuntz has also determined that for each year of the first five years the amendments are in effect, the public benefit antic-

ipated as a result of enforcing or administering the amendment will be greater clarity in the applicability of title requirements with respect to ATVs and ROVs. There are no anticipated economic costs for persons required to comply with the proposed amendments. There will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities.

#### 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 Government Code, §2007.043.

#### GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT STATEMENT

The department has determined that during the first five years the proposed amendments are in effect, no government program would be created or eliminated. Implementation of the proposed amendments would not require the creation of new employee positions or elimination of existing employee positions. Implementation would not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the department or an increase or decrease of fees paid to the department. Additionally, the proposed amendments do not create a new regulation, or expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation. The proposed amendment does not affect the number of individuals subject to the rule's applicability and will not affect this state's economy.

#### SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Written comments on the proposed amendments 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](mailto:rules@txdmv.gov). The deadline for receipt of comments is 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2018.

#### STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The amendments are 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, §501.0041, which provides the department may adopt rules to administer Chapter 501.

#### CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE

Transportation Code, §§501.002, 502.001, and 663.001.

#### §217.2. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) Alias--The name of a vehicle owner reflected on a title, when the name on the title is different from the name of the legal owner of the vehicle.

(2) Alias title--A title document issued by the department for a vehicle that is used by an exempt law enforcement agency in covert criminal investigations.

(3) All-terrain vehicle or ATV--A motor vehicle as defined by Transportation Code, §502.001, and designed primarily for recreational use. The term does not include a "utility vehicle" as defined by Transportation Code, §663.001, or a self-propelled, motor-driven vehi-

cle designed or marketed by the manufacturer primarily for non-recreational uses.

(4) ~~[(3)]~~ Bond release letter--Written notification from the United States Department of Transportation authorizing United States Customs to release the bond posted for a motor vehicle imported into the United States to ensure compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standards.

~~[(4)]~~ Title application--A form prescribed by the division director that reflects the information required by the department to create a motor vehicle title record.

(5) Date of sale--The date of the transfer of possession of a specific vehicle from a seller to a purchaser.

(6) Division director--The director of the department's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division.

(7) Executive administrator--The director of a federal agency, the director of a Texas state agency, the sheriff of a Texas county, or the chief of police of a Texas city who by law possesses the authority to conduct covert criminal investigations.

(8) Exempt agency--A governmental body exempt by law from paying title or registration fees for motor vehicles.

(9) Federal motor vehicle safety standards--Motor vehicle safety requirements promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, set forth in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

(10) House moving dolly--An apparatus consisting of metal beams and axles used to move houses. House moving dollies, by nature of their construction and use, actually form large semitrailers.

(11) Identification certificate--A form issued by an inspector of an authorized safety inspection station in accordance with Transportation Code, Chapter 548.

(12) Implements of husbandry--Farm implements, machinery, and tools used in tilling the soil, including self-propelled machinery specifically designed or especially adapted for applying plant food materials or agricultural chemicals. This term does not include an implement unless it is designed or adapted for the sole purpose of transporting farm materials or chemicals. This term does not include any passenger car or truck. This term does 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.

(13) Manufacturer's certificate of origin--A form prescribed by the department showing the original transfer of a new motor vehicle from the manufacturer to the original purchaser, whether importer, distributor, dealer, or owner, and when presented with an application for title, showing, on appropriate forms prescribed by the department, each subsequent transfer between distributor and dealer, dealer and dealer, and dealer and owner.

(14) Moped--A motor-driven ~~[motor driven]~~ cycle whose attainable speed is not more than 30 miles per hour and that is equipped with a motor that produces not more than two-brake horsepower. If an internal combustion engine is used, the piston displacement may not exceed 50 cubic centimeters and the power drive system may not require the operator to shift gears.

(15) Motor vehicle importation form--A declaration form prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation and certified by United States Customs that relates to any motor vehicle being brought into the United States and the motor vehicle's compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(16) Non United States standard motor vehicle--A motor vehicle not manufactured in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(17) Obligor--An individual who is required to make payments under the terms of a support order for a child.

(18) Person--An individual, firm, corporation, company, partnership, or other entity.

(19) Recreational off-highway vehicle or ROV--A motor vehicle as defined by Transportation Code, §502.001, and designed primarily for recreational use. The term does not include a "utility vehicle" as defined by Transportation Code, §663.001, or a self-propelled, motor-driven vehicle designed or marketed by the manufacturer primarily for non-recreational uses.

(20) ~~[(19)]~~ Safety certification label--A label placed on a motor vehicle by a manufacturer certifying that the motor vehicle complies with all federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(21) ~~[(20)]~~ Statement of fact--A written declaration that supports an application for a title, that is executed by an involved party to a transaction involving a motor vehicle, and that clarifies an error made on a title or other negotiable evidence of ownership. An involved party is the seller or an agent of the seller involved in the motor vehicle transaction. When a written declaration is necessary to correct an odometer disclosure error, the signatures of both the seller and buyer when the error occurred are required.

(22) Title application--A form prescribed by the division director that reflects the information required by the department to create a motor vehicle title record.

(23) ~~[(21)]~~ Verifiable proof--Additional documentation required of a vehicle owner, lienholder, or agent executing an application for a certified copy of a title.

(A) Individual applicant. If the applicant is an individual, verifiable proof consists of a copy of a current photo identification issued by this state or by the United States or foreign passport.

(B) Business applicant. If the applicant is a business, verifiable proof consists of an original or copy of a letter of signature authority on letterhead, a business card, or employee identification and a copy of current photo identification issued by this state or by the United States or foreign passport.

(C) Power of attorney. If the applicant is a person in whose favor a power of attorney has been executed by the owner or lienholder, verifiable proof consists of the documentation required under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph both for the owner or lienholder and for the person in whose favor the power of attorney is executed.

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