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Registration and Title Bulletin # 005-19 Policy and Procedure

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: **Registration of Off-Highway Former Military Vehicles**

PURPOSE

To amend registration eligibility requirements for off-highway former military vehicles as a result of House Bill (HB) 1755, enacted by the 86th Legislature.

Background

Previously released RTB #005-17 introduced the option for former military vehicles not identified for off-highway use to obtain registration. These vehicles were no longer limited to Antique vehicle registration.

This policy did not extend to former military vehicles with ownership evidence that indicated off-highway use. These vehicles remained eligible only for Antique vehicle registration. Vehicles with Antique vehicle registration are restricted to use for exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest.

DETAILS

HB 1755 adds Transportation Code, Section 502.141, which makes certain former military vehicles with ownership evidence that indicates off-highway use eligible for passenger or truck registration. Effective September 1, 2019, a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV), commonly referred to as a HUMVEE, with a gross vehicle weight less than 10,000 lbs. and ownership evidence that indicates off-highway use is eligible for passenger or truck registration.

Qualifying HMMWVs can receive any registration type the vehicle or owner qualifies for and all applicable requirements for the registration type chosen will apply. HMMWVs with ownership evidence that indicates off-highway use with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 lbs. or more are ineligible for regular registration and may only be issued Antique vehicle registration. A former military vehicle with ownership evidence that indicates off-highway use, other than a qualifying HMMWV, may only be issued Antique vehicle registration. HB 1755 does not impact the registration of former military vehicles with ownership evidence that indicates off-highway use.

COUNTY ACTION

If the ownership evidence includes an off-highway use remark for a HMMWV with a gross weight less than 10,000 lbs., register the vehicle with passenger or truck registration or Antique vehicle registration at the customer's request.

Continue to issue passenger or truck registration for former military vehicles not identified for off-highway use and do not limit eligible registration to Antique vehicle.

For more information on processing steps, refer to the Registration and Title System 9.4 Release Notes.

CONTACT

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeremiah Kuntz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremiah Kuntz, Director
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