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Policy and Procedure

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors and Licensed Salvage Vehicle Dealers

SUBJECT: Transfer of Salvage or Nonrepairable Vehicles by Licensed Salvage Vehicle Dealers

PURPOSE

To provide information on new requirements for licensed salvage vehicle dealers to obtain a salvage or nonrepairable title.

DETAILS

Senate Bill 604, enacted by the 86th Legislature, amends Occupations Code, Section 2302.101, to specify activities a licensed salvage vehicle dealer may perform. This includes the provision that a licensed salvage vehicle dealer may only sell a salvage or nonrepairable vehicle that has been issued a salvage or nonrepairable title.

Salvage vehicle dealers may purchase a salvage or nonrepairable vehicle not issued a salvage or nonrepairable title; however, effective September 1, 2019, they must apply for the appropriate Texas title type prior to transferring the title to a salvage or nonrepairable vehicle.

A salvage vehicle that has been rebuilt, repaired, or reconstructed may not be transferred by anyone on a salvage title. In accordance with Texas Administrative Code, §221.11, a licensed salvage vehicle dealer rebuilding, repairing, or reconstructing salvage vehicles must also be licensed as a motor vehicle dealer with a valid general distinguishing number issued under Transportation Code, Chapter 503. A rebuilt-salvage title must be obtained in the name of the licensed motor vehicle dealer prior to the vehicle being sold. For more information regarding this process, refer to the Salvage/Nonrepairable Motor Vehicle Manual, Chapter 6, Rebuilt Salvage Motor Vehicles.

COUNTY ACTION

Please ensure licensed salvage vehicle dealers are only reassigning salvage vehicles that have been issued a salvage title and have not been rebuilt, repaired, or reconstructed.

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
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

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