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## **Registration and Title Bulletin #009-19 Policy and Procedure**

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

**SUBJECT:** Extended Registration Period for Eligible Trailers

### **PURPOSE**

To provide you with information on the implementation of House Bill (HB) 1262 concerning extended registration of trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers that are not subject to inspection.

### **DETAILS**

HB 1262, enacted by the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature, added Transportation Code, Section 502.0024, to allow an owner of a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer with a gross vehicle weight of 7,500 lbs. or less to obtain registration for up to five years. These vehicles are not subject to a state inspection under Transportation Code, Section 548.052.

With the Registration and Title System (RTS) Release 9.5 scheduled for December, an eligible trailer may be registered for a period from one to five years at the customer's discretion. When extended registration is issued, RTS will multiply annual fees, including local county and other fees due, based on the length of the registration period. Only one processing and handling fee will be collected for any extended registration period. RTS Release 9.5 will not have the ability to issue extended registration for trailers with farm registration and a gross vehicle weight of 7,500 lbs. or less. An RTS release in early 2020 will include the ability to issue extended registration for trailers with farm registration if the trailer's gross vehicle weight is 7,500 lbs. or less. The department will notify you when the programming is complete to allow the issuance of extended registration to farm trailers.

Upon the expiration of extended registration, the trailer registration will revert to an annual period. At that time, customers who previously obtained extended registration may visit their county tax assessor-collector's office to renew for an extended registration period.

Dealers should be aware of the extended registration option for eligible trailers that are 7,500 lbs. or less. Beginning with the December webDEALER release, webDEALER will allow for issuance of extended registration of eligible trailers.

### **COUNTY ACTION**

In RTS, the extended registration period is selected on the REG029 screen, and RTS will automatically update all applicable fees due. Release notes will be distributed prior to the RTS Release 9.5 in December.

**CONTACT**

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

Sincerely,



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