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General Information

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: HB 2960 – New Permissible Uses of Farm Trucks and Farm Trailers/Semitrailers

PURPOSE

To notify you of a statute change affecting the use of farm trucks and farm trailers.

DETAILS

Effective immediately, vehicles registered with Farm Truck or Farm Trailer (including semitrailers) license plates may be used to participate in equine activities or attending livestock shows.

HB 2960 modified Transportation Code, Sections 502.163(b) and 504.504 (b) to expand the acceptable uses of vehicles registered with these plates.

The terms used in HB 2960 are defined in Section 87.001 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as follows:

- “Equine animal” is a horse, pony, mule, donkey or hinny.
- Participating in equine activities means riding, handling, training, driving, being a passenger on, or assisting a participant or sponsor with an equine animal, also to include assisting in the medical treatment of an equine animal and management of a show involving equine animals.
- “Livestock show” means a nonprofit event at which more than two species or breeds of livestock animals are gathered for exhibition or competition.

The revised Form VTR-52-A, *Application for Farm Trailer/Semitrailer, Farm Truck, or Farm Truck Tractor License Plates*, is attached and will be posted online at www.TxDMV.gov.

CONTACT

If you have any questions or need any additional assistance, please contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

Randy Elliston, Director
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

Attachment

cc: Colonel Steven McCraw, Director, Texas Department of Public Safety