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Vehicle Registration and Inspection Stickers are Partnering Up in Texas ***“Two Steps, One Sticker” Program Begins March 1***

AUSTIN – Get ready for a new Texas Two Step. Today the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) joined State Senator Royce West and county tax assessor-collectors for “Two Steps, One Sticker Day” at the state Capitol in Austin. The event highlighted the state’s transition to having just one sticker for vehicle inspection and registration.

Beginning March 1, 2015, the state of Texas will stop issuing vehicle inspection stickers and change to a “Two Steps, One Sticker” inspection and registration program. Under the new system, Texas vehicle owners will need to pass inspection prior to renewing their registration. The familiar blue-bordered registration sticker will serve as proof of both inspection and registration.

The first year of the program is a transition period to allow vehicles’ inspection and registration expiration dates to align. Here is what drivers will need to do:

March 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016: You will be able renew your registration the same way as always as long as your vehicle has a current, passing inspection. However, if your inspection and registration stickers already expire in the same month, your vehicle will need to pass inspection prior to registration renewal. When you renew your annual registration online, by mail, or in-person at your county tax office, your inspection status will be verified electronically. Remember that a current, passing inspection is required for registration renewal.

March 1, 2016, and beyond: Your inspection and registration will expire at the end of the month indicated on your registration sticker. You will have a convenient 90-day window prior to your expiration date to complete two simple steps: pass vehicle inspection and renew your registration. Registration renewal will still be available online, by mail or in person at your county tax office.

Texans can look forward to the many benefits of a “Two Steps, One Sticker” program:

- **One sticker, one date:** Are you one of the millions of Texans whose inspection sticker and registration sticker expire in different months? With “Two Steps, One Sticker” you will just have one sticker with one expiration date.
- **Less clutter, better view:** Who wants multiple stickers in their view while behind the wheel? With “Two Steps, One Sticker” you will just have the registration sticker in the corner of your windshield.
- **Safer streets, cleaner air:** Because a passing vehicle inspection will be a requirement to renew your registration, more Texans will comply with the safety and emissions testing laws. So with “Two Steps, One Sticker” there will be safer and more environmentally-sound cars on the road.
- **Fraud prevention:** With inspection stickers no longer needed under “Two Steps, One Sticker,” this change will eliminate the risk of inspection sticker fraud and theft.

QUOTES

“The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles wants to continue to simplify and automate motor vehicle services for Texans. By aligning your expiration dates, you can take care of these required annual services around the same time with one sticker and be on your way.”

– Whitney Brewster, executive director, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

“The Texas Department of Public Safety is committed to keeping vehicles safe on our roadways. And now that vehicle registration will be dependent on a passing inspection, we are hopeful the new single sticker process will increase inspection compliance, which will enhance the safety of our roadways for everyone.”

– Steven McCraw, director, Texas Department of Public Safety

“Clean air is one of the primary goals of The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Increased compliance with vehicle emissions testing in designated counties as a result of this program will help protect the public’s health and natural resources.”

– Richard A. Hyde, executive director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

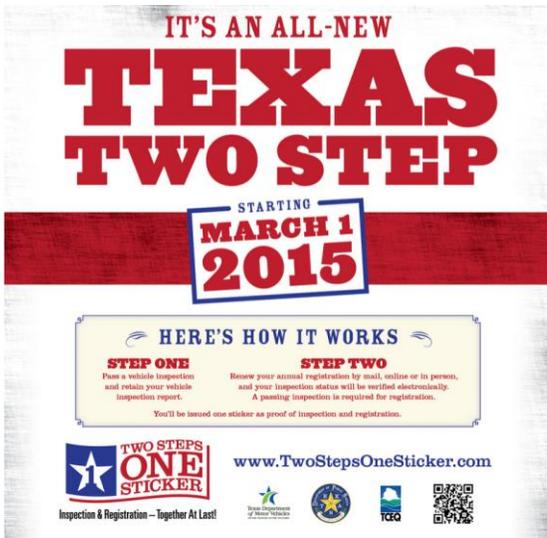
MULTIMEDIA RESOURCES

Website:



www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com

Poster:



www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com/resources#printable-materials

Video – English:



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Video – Spanish:



youtu.be/w_fAMHLHjT8

Vehicle Registration Sticker:



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why is the inspection sticker being eliminated?

A: The change is the result of House Bill 2305, which passed during the 83rd Legislative Session.

Q: Are fees going up as a result of this new program?

A: Fees will not increase. But when and where you pay the inspection fee will change. Vehicle inspection stations will no longer collect the state's portion of the inspection fee. At the time of inspection, you will pay only the inspection station's portion of the fee. The state's portion of the inspection fee will be collected at the time of registration or renewal.

Q: Will I have to pay for more than one inspection in a year?

A: No, you will not have to pay for more than one inspection in a year. During the first year from March 1, 2015-February 29, 2016, some vehicle owners will go beyond their 12-month inspection cycle to align the expiration dates for inspection and registration. For example, if your registration sticker expires March 2015, and your inspection sticker expires September 2015, you will be able to renew your registration in March 2015 and not have to get the vehicle inspected again until 2016 because the inspection sticker is valid at the time of the 2015 renewal. In 2016, both inspection and registration will be due.

For more frequently asked questions, visit www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com.

WHO'S AT THE WHEEL

The implementation of "Two Steps, One Sticker" is a joint effort of three state agencies as required by state law:

- **The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV):** The TxDMV administers the state's vehicle registration program.
- **The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS administers the state's vehicle safety inspection program.
- **The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** The TCEQ administers the state's vehicle emissions testing program.



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