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Texas Suspends Vehicle Titling and Registration Requirements in Hurricane Harvey Disaster Counties

AUSTIN – Texas residents in counties impacted by Hurricane Harvey will not have to worry about vehicle titling and registration requirements for the next 45 days. Today Governor Greg Abbott suspended certain statutes related to the enforcement of title and registration laws in the 58 counties included in the state’s disaster declaration:

Table listing 58 disaster counties: Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy, Wilson.

“With the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey impacting so many Texans right now, the last thing people should have to worry about is an expired vehicle registration,” said TxDMV Executive Director Whitney Brewster. “This reprieve from the law will allow residents to focus on safety and recovery during this extremely difficult situation.”

Law enforcement officers around the state will not issue citations for expired registration to Texas residents from these counties through October 16, 2017. The state has instructed law enforcement only to issue warnings if vehicles do not have a current registration displayed.

Texans living in the disaster declaration counties as well as those who were displaced and temporarily living in other counties may still choose to renew online at www.TxDMV.gov or www.Texas.gov.

Governor Abbott has also extended the requirement that newly purchased vehicles be transferred into the purchaser’s name from 30 days to 75 days in the affected counties, preventing late penalties from being assessed.

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