

Sec. 502.008. RELEASE OF INFORMATION IN VEHICLE REGISTRATION RECORDS. (a) The department or a county may not release to any person information contained in vehicle registration records in response to a telephone inquiry by license number. The department or a county may release information only if the person:

(1) submits in writing a request that:

(A) provides the person's name and address; and

(B) states that the use of the information is for a lawful and legitimate purpose; or

(2) enters into a written service agreement with the department or county to receive the information.

(b) This section does not apply to the release of information to:

(1) a peace officer, as defined in Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, acting in an official capacity; or

(2) an official of this state or a political subdivision of this state if the official is requesting the information for:

(A) tax purposes; or

(B) the purpose of determining eligibility for a state public assistance program.

(c) The department shall provide a dedicated line to its vehicle registration record database for use by other state agencies. The access to or transmission of information under this subsection does not affect whether the information is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

(d) This section does not authorize the release of information that is prohibited from disclosure under Chapter 730.

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