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Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Santos Castilleja
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Subject: Re: Request to Publish Title Service rules with the Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Castilleja,

Our office is in receipt of the Motor Vehicle Title Service Licensing Rules. I have reviewed this document and the District Attorney's Office approves as to form.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any further questions or comments.

Best,

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Subject: Request to Publish Title Service rules with the Secretary of State

December 04, 2015

The Honorable Ricardo Rodriguez
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Subj: Request to Publish Title Service rules with the Secretary of State

Dear Erin D. Thorn,

As allowed under Texas Transportation code Chapter 520 SubChapter E. entitled Motor Vehicle Title Services, rules have been created and reviewed to be presented to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State requires 30 days notice of our intentions before it adopts any proposed rules. The rules will then be filed in the Texas register and will begin to take effect after the date on which the proposed rules are published in the Texas Administrative Code. A copy of these rules is enclosed.

We are requesting legal approval to proceed with this requirement to adopt rules of practice and allow for public participation in the rulemaking process to license motor vehicle title services and runners.

If legal approval is received, we will add the following item to the agenda for approval by the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court.

Caption:

Presentation for discussion, consideration, acceptance and approval to publish in the register of the Secretary of State the proposed rules that would state the nature and requirements of all available formal and informal procedures to license motor vehicle title services and runners.

Background:

This program is a tool to investigate and prosecute auto theft cases. It will prevent the passing of false titles, insurance documents and supporting documentation that allow fraudulent registration and transfer of stolen vehicles. This will allow our office to provide a transaction trail that is readily available for law enforcement. We will be able to better identify who authorized, prepared and presented the paperwork to the tax office.

Once notice of intent is presented to our Commissioners, we will forward the proposed rules for public comment to the Secretary of States' website. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to call our office at 956-289-7458.

Sincerely,

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