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Combined Registration and Inspection Sticker Begins March 2015

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Texas is changing the way Inspection and Registration Stickers will be issued. As a result of HB2305 passed during the 83rd Legislative Session, Texas will no longer issue an inspection sticker. Instead the motor vehicle registration sticker will serve as both the registration and inspection.

Beginning March 1, 2015 Texas will begin the "Two Steps, One Sticker" vehicle inspection and registration program. The inspection will still be required to be performed on the vehicle; however the owner will receive a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) in lieu of an inspection sticker. Once the vehicle is inspected, the owner will renew the registration as usual. They will be issued the registration sticker which serves as the combined proof of registration and inspection.

During the first year, Texas will "sync" the registration and inspection from March 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016. Provided the inspection is not expired at the time the registration is due to be renewed, the owner will renew their registration as usual. The registration sticker will serve as the combined inspection and registration sticker.

For example:

Registration Sticker expires March 2015

Inspection Sticker expires December 2015

The owner will renew their registration in March 2015 and will not be required to have the vehicle inspected again until March 2016. At that time, both the registration and the inspection will be "synced" and will expire at the same time.

There is an exception to this rule. If the inspection expires the same month as the registration, the owner will be required to have the vehicle inspected prior to renewing their registration.

The inspection fee will be the same however the way in which it is collected will change. The inspection station will collect their portion of the fee at the time of inspection. The state's portion of the fee will be paid at the time of vehicle registration.

It will be very important to retain the VIR for proof of inspection. In the event the inspection cannot be electronically verified at the time of registration, the owner will be required to present their VIR before a registration sticker can be issued.

For more information, please visit <http://tax.dentoncounty.com> and select www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com.