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RE: Financial Responsibility Requirements and State Vehicles

Dear Mr. Judah:

State-owned vehicles are exempt from the financial responsibility requirements contained in Chapter 601 of the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act. Section 601.007 of the Texas Transportation Code states:

Sec. 601. 007 APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER TO GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

- (a) This chapter does not apply to a government vehicle.
- (b) The provisions of this chapter do not apply to an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state while operating a government vehicle in the course of that person's employment
- (c) The provisions of this chapter, other than Section 601.054, do not apply to a motor vehicle that is subject to Chapter 643.
- (d) In this section, "government vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned by the United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state.

A state employee driving a state vehicle in the course or state employment should not be subject to receiving a citation under Section 601.191 of the Texas Transportation Code for failure to comply with financial responsibility requirements. I am available to answer any questions related to this matter.

Sincerely,

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