



July 29, 2011

**Registration and Title Bulletin # 037-11**  
**General Information**

**TO:** All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 266, Possessory Lien Notification

**PURPOSE**

To notify you of a change made by SB 266 enacted by the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session.

**DETAILS**

Effective September 1, 2011, a person filing a mechanic's lien must notify the county tax office and pay the \$25 administrative fee regardless of the date the vehicle was left for repairs and the charges incurred.

In addition, no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> business-day after receiving notice, the county tax assessor-collector's office must provide a copy of the notice to the owner of the motor vehicle and each lienholder recorded on the title. County tax offices are no longer required to use certified mail for the notification process.

**COUNTY ACTION**

Notify the owner and lienholder within the 15 business day time period and review the mechanic lien documents thoroughly when filed with your office.

Franchise dealers remain excluded from the notification requirements to your office and the requirement to obtain a signed work order.

**CONTACT**

If you need additional information, please contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Elliston".

Randy Elliston, Director  
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division