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EXEMPTION FROM INSCRIPTION REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AND
COUNTY-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES

Sec. 721.004. INSCRIPTION REQUIRED ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT. (a) The office having control of a motor vehicle or piece of heavy equipment owned by a municipality or county shall have printed on each side of the vehicle or equipment the name of the municipality or county, followed by the title of the department or office having custody of the vehicle or equipment.

(b) The inscription must be in a color sufficiently different from the body of the vehicle or equipment so that the lettering is plainly legible.

(c) The title of the department or office must be in letters plainly legible at a distance of not less than 100 feet.

Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Sec. 721.005. EXEMPTION FROM INSCRIPTION REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) The governing body of a municipality may exempt from the requirements of Section 721.004:

1) an automobile when used to perform an official duty by a:

a. police department;

b. magistrate as defined by Article 2A.151, Code of Criminal Procedure;

c. medical examiner;

d. municipal code enforcement officer designated to enforce environmental criminal laws; or

e. municipal fire marshal or arson investigator; or

2) an automobile used by a municipal employee only when conducting an investigation involving suspected fraud or other mismanagement within the municipality.

(b) The commissioners court of a county may exempt from the requirements of Section 721.004:

1) an automobile when used to perform an official duty by a:

(A) police department;

(B) sheriff's office;

(C) constable's office;

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- (D) criminal district attorney's office;
 - (E) district attorney's office;
 - (F) county attorney's office;
 - (G) magistrate as defined by Article 2A.151, Code of Criminal Procedure;
 - (H) county fire marshal's office; or
 - (I) medical examiner; or
- 2) a juvenile probation department vehicle used to transport children, when used to perform an official duty.
- (c) An exemption provided under this section does not apply to a contract deputy.