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By:  Dean H.B. No. 3664

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designation by the purchaser of a motor vehicle of the county in which a motor vehicle dealer shall apply for the registration of and title for certain vehicles sold by the dealer; authorizing a civil penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 501.0234, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsections (e-1) and (e-2) to read as follows:

(e)  The department shall develop a form [~~or electronic process~~] in which the purchaser of a motor vehicle shall designate the purchaser's choice as set out in Section 501.023 as the recipient of all taxes, fees, and other revenue collected as a result of the transaction, which the tax assessor-collector is authorized by law to retain.

(e-1)  A seller shall:

(1)  affirmatively present and explain the [~~make that~~] form [~~or electronic process available~~] to the purchaser of a vehicle at the time of purchase;

(2)  obtain the purchaser's designation and signature on the form; and

(3)  retain the form for at least one year after the date of purchase.

(e-2)  A seller who violates Subsection (e-1) is subject to a civil penalty of $5,000 for each violation.

SECTION 2.  Section 501.0234, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an application for the registration of or a title for a motor vehicle purchased on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for the registration of or a title for a motor vehicle purchased before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the vehicle was purchased, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.