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To: <u>Brittany Calame</u>

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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLES TDMV

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I am disappointed in some of the administrative rules set forth by the TXDMV. I started planning and purchasing the components to rebuild my Fiberglass dune buggy using the rules from Texas assembled vehicle manual

2013 edition back in 2014. Little did I know they could simply add one phrase to the manual that would turn all my labor, research, and dollars spent into a an expensive garage filler. It's not right. It's not a safety issue. If the state was truly worried about the safety record of dune buggies there would have been much more publicity about it. And motorcycles?? The most deadly for of personal transportation. Why not ban those if we want to protect citizens from killing them selves in a motor vehicle accident? After all there are 10s of thousands of those on Texas roads; only a few dune buggies, and probably no dune buggies in accidents. So why ban the dune buggy in Texas? My thought... someone has a burr on their butt and this was a way to make it feel better. TXDMV should not be able to outright ban a specific vehicle type just by adding a sentence to an administrative rule. This is a prime example of overreach, and is completely un-Texas like!!! Texas is all about freedom, our hotrods, guns, and land are prime examples. Don't mess with those!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Remove the sentence in administrative rule 217.3 that prevents dune buggies from being registered and titled. The 2013 assembled vehicle handbook worked. It explained how to do a VW based body swap.. let's put that back In place.. Then, stop changing things so much. Why waste effort on such small groups of vehicles?

After all, it's revenue for the state, taxes for the cities, and these Meyers Manx buggies are a huge part of US automotive history. Does Texas want to be the state the leads in the killing off of our automotive history? No.. we don't. It's bad for business and not very Texan.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree