



May 9, 2018

Mr. Ken Levine
Director
Sunset Advisory Commission
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Sent via email: sunset@sunset.texas.gov

Dear Director Levine,

On behalf of the Texas Motorcycle Dealers Association (TMDA) I would like to submit the following comments to the 2018-2019 Sunset Staff Report on the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Many of the products that motorcycle dealers sell are included in Chapter 2301 of the Texas Occupations Code.

We believe that the governor's designation of the presiding officer of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board (TxDMV) and the structure of the board should remain unchanged. Manufacturer/dealer relationships involve complex issues that are not generally understood or known by the public. Additionally, there are numerous state and federal laws and regulations that affect motorcycle dealers whose ramifications, once again, could only be understood by a motor vehicle dealer.

Also, TMDA has particular concern for the recommendation eliminating the approval requirement for motor vehicle shows and exhibitions. Notice and approval for an offsite display as unlicensed entities exhibiting vehicles may become rampant if they are not contained by the board through notice and approval by the licensing division—this will become a concern for the public and state if the state is not overseeing these events.

In conclusion, TMDA believes that the TxDMV provides a much-needed service to the State of Texas and agrees with the recommendation that it be should be continued for the next 12 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael T. Marks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael T. Marks
Executive Director