

PENAL § 31.07, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle

\*80183 V.T.C.A., Penal Code § 31.07

**VERNON'S TEXAS STATUTES  
AND CODES ANNOTATED  
PENAL CODE  
TITLE 7. OFFENSES AGAINST  
PROPERTY  
CHAPTER 31. THEFT**

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**§ 31.07. Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle**

(a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly operates another's boat, airplane, or motor-propelled vehicle without the effective consent of the owner.

(b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony.

GOVT § 2203.001, Reporting Use of State Vehicle; Penalties

\*46795 V.T.C.A., Government Code § 2203.001

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TITLE 10. GENERAL  
GOVERNMENT  
SUBTITLE E. GOVERNMENT  
PROPERTY  
CHAPTER 2203. USE OF STATE  
PROPERTY**

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**§ 2203.001. Reporting Use of State Vehicle; Penalties**

(a) A person who uses a state-owned automobile or truck shall, for each day that the vehicle is used, submit a separate written report of the use to the head of the state agency, including a department, institution, board, or commission of the state, in charge of the vehicle.

(b) The report must be made daily on a form prescribed by the General Services Commission.

(c) A report filed under this section must show:

- (1) the purpose for which the vehicle was used;
- (2) the mileage traveled;
- (3) the amounts of gasoline and oil consumed;
- (4) the passengers carried; and
- (5) other information necessary to a proper record of the use of the vehicle.

(d) A report filed under this section is an official state record and is subject to inspection by a state official who is authorized to audit or inspect claims, accounts, or records of a state agency.

(e) A person commits an offense if the person does not file a report as required by this section on or before the 10th day after the date on which the person uses the vehicle. An offense under this subsection is punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100.

## TRANSP § 721.002, Inscription Required on State-Owned Motor Vehicles

\*95078 V.T.C.A., Transportation Code §  
721.002

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TITLE 7. VEHICLES AND  
TRAFFIC  
SUBTITLE J. MISCELLANEOUS  
PROVISIONS  
CHAPTER 721. INSCRIPTION  
REQUIRED ON STATE,  
MUNICIPAL, AND COUNTY  
MOTOR VEHICLES

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§ 721.002. Inscription Required on State-  
Owned Motor Vehicles

(a) The official having control of a state-owned motor vehicle shall have printed on each side of the vehicle the word "Texas," followed by the title of the state agency having custody of the vehicle.

(b) The inscription must be in a color sufficiently different from the body of the motor vehicle so that the lettering is plainly legible at a distance of not less than 100 feet.

(c) The title of the state agency must be in letters not less than two inches high.

§ 721.003. Exemption From Inscription  
Requirement for Certain State-Owned  
Motor Vehicles

(a) The governing bodies of the following state agencies or divisions by rule may exempt from the requirements of Section 721.002 a motor vehicle that is under the control and custody of the agency or division:

- (1) Texas Commission on Fire Protection;
- (2) Texas State Board of Pharmacy;
- (3) Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation;
- (4) Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;
- (5) the institutional division or the pardons and paroles division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- (6) Board of Pardons and Paroles;
- (7) Parks and Wildlife Department;
- (8) Railroad Commission of Texas;
- (9) Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
- (10) Banking Department of Texas;
- (11) Savings and Loan Department of Texas;
- (12) Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;
- (13) Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission;
- (14) Texas Youth Commission; and
- (15) an agency that receives an appropriation under an article of the General Appropriations Act that appropriates money to the legislature.

(b) The attorney general by rule may exempt from the requirements of Section 721.002 a motor vehicle that is under the control and custody of the attorney general's health services providers integrity and Medicaid fraud division.

(c) A rule adopted under this section must specify:

- (1) the purpose served by not printing on the motor vehicle the inscription required by Section 721.002; and
- (2) the primary use of the motor vehicle.

(d) A rule adopted under this section is not effective until the rule is filed with the secretary of state.

TRANSP § 721.006, Operation of Vehicle in Violation of Chapter; Offense

\*95083 V.T.C.A., Transportation Code §  
721.006

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**§ 721.006. Operation of Vehicle in  
Violation of Chapter; Offense**

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) operates on a municipal street or on a highway a motor vehicle or piece of equipment that does not have the inscription required by this chapter; or

(2) uses a motor vehicle that is exempt by rule under Section 721.003, and that use is not expressly specified by the rule.

(b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100.