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## **AUTOMATED SCOFFLAW FAQ SHEET**

### **STATE OF TEXAS**

- Q:** Why did I get this letter stating I have my registration blocked?
- A:** You have one or more unpaid violations (red light camera) with a municipality. The letter has step by step instructions on how to pay, and then register your vehicle.
- Q:** I just tried to register my vehicle online or at the Tax Assessor's Office, and I now have learned of a citation that is unpaid. I didn't know about it before now. Can I contest this?
- A:** The original citation, a default notice and lastly a Scofflaw registration hold letter was sent to the address available from TxDMV records. By statute, your ability to contest the violation expired well before the Scofflaw letter was mailed.
- Q:** My registration expires very soon. What is the quickest way to get this flag removed and complete my registration?
- A:** Paying through a local office, by phone or online results in a receipt you can take to your County Tax Assessor as proof of flag payment to complete your registration.
- Q:** What happens if I don't pay the outstanding citations?
- A:** Drivers of vehicles operated on roadways with expired registration are subject to citation and impoundment.
- Q:** When will I be able to register my vehicle?
- A:** That depends upon whether you want to register your vehicle in person at the Tax Officer or whether you want to register your vehicle online. In person registration can be done immediately by providing proof of payment (receipt), whereas online registration requires that you wait until your hold has been released at TxDMV, which may take up to 3 weeks.
- Q:** If I pay my fine today, am I guaranteed to be able to register my vehicle?
- A:** If this is the only flag on your registration, yes. This may require registering the vehicle in-person at the appropriate tax office.



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