S.B. No. 1617
AN ACT
relating to the titling and registration of certain motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 501.021, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A certificate of title for a motor vehicle that has been the subject of an ordered repurchase or replacement under Chapter 2301, Occupations Code, must contain on its face a notice sufficient to inform a purchaser that the motor vehicle has been the subject of an ordered repurchase or replacement.

SECTION 2. Section 520.023, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) A transferor who files the appropriate form with the department as provided by, and in accordance with, this section, whether that form is a part of a certificate of title or a form otherwise promulgated by the department to comply with the terms of this section, has no vicarious civil or criminal liability arising out of the use, operation, or abandonment of the vehicle by another person. Proof by the transferor that the transferor filed a form under this section is a complete defense to an action brought against the transferor for an act or omission, civil or criminal, arising out of the use, operation, or abandonment of the vehicle by another person after the transferor filed the form. A copy of the form filed under this section is proof of the filing of the form.

SECTION 3. Section 702.003, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) This section does not apply to the registration of a motor vehicle under Section 501.0234.

SECTION 4. Section 707.017, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 707.017. ENFORCEMENT. If the owner of a motor vehicle is delinquent in the payment of a civil penalty imposed under this chapter, the county assessor-collector or the Texas Department of Transportation may refuse to register a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in the violation. This section does not apply to the registration of a motor vehicle under Section 501.0234.

SECTION 5. (a) The change in law made to Section 501.021, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a title issued on or after the effective date of this Act. A title issued before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(b) The change in law made to Section 520.023, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a transfer of a vehicle that occurred on or after the effective date of this Act. A transfer that occurred before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(c) The change in law made to Sections 702.003 and 707.017, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a registration period beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 311.006, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A municipality may not create a reinvestment zone if:

(1) more than 10 percent of the property in the proposed zone, excluding property that is publicly owned, is used for residential purposes; or

(2) the total appraised value of taxable real property in the proposed zone and in existing reinvestment zones exceeds:

(A) 20 percent of the total appraised value of taxable real property in the municipality and in the industrial districts created by the municipality, if the municipality is the county seat of a county:

(i) that is adjacent to a county with a population of 3.3 million or more; and

(ii) in which a planned community is located that has 20,000 or more acres of land, that was originally established under the Urban Growth and New Community Development Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. Section 4501 et seq.), and that is subject to restrictive covenants containing ad valorem or annual variable budget-based assessments on real property; or

(B) 15 percent of the total appraised value of taxable real property in the municipality and in the industrial districts created by the municipality, if Paragraph (A) does not apply to the municipality.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a reinvestment zone created on or after the effective date of this Act. The creation of a reinvestment zone before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 16, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 2009: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 544

S.B. No. 1652

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to Mitchell County.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. (a) Not later than the 30th day after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall transfer to Mitchell County the real property described by Subsection (e) of this section.