



Minnesota House of Representatives

October 31, 2017

Commissioner Mona Dohman
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
445 Minnesota Street
St. Paul, MN 55101-5155

Dear Commissioner Dohman:

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety's DVS deputy liaison team is scheduled to conduct audits of thirty-six Deputy Registrar offices by the end of the year. The biennial audit of each Deputy Registrar office occurs during the state's biennial fiscal cycle (87 offices are audited per year) established under Administrative Rule 7406.0475. The Rule states that "the audit must cover the motor vehicle transaction fees and taxes collected by the deputy registrars for the previous two years."

Under normal circumstances, Administrative Rule 7406.0475 is reasonable and necessary. This year, in light of the problematic roll-out of the MNLARS system and continued backlog in title processing, we respectfully request that the Administrative Rule is delayed until after January 1, 2018 for the remaining biennial audits.

It is our understanding that over the weekend, the title backlog from pre-MNLARS implementation on July 24th were processed, however, DVS will not be current on post-MNLARS titles for several more weeks. It seems unfair to audit Deputy Registrar offices while the title backlog remains.

We are pleased to hear that progress is being made in other areas like tabs and license plates.

Sincerely,

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Rick Hansen
State Representative

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State Representative

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